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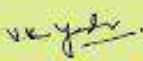


Chief Patron's Message

My greetings to all the fine members of South Central Railway family. It has been an invigorating experience for me during the last three months as the head of this excellent Zone. Although I knew of the fact that SCR is one of the best Zones to lead, my belief underwent a change each day, only for the better. I can proudly say that SCR is the role model for a vibrant and committed work culture and thrives on innovations and imaginative work practices. My interaction with a cross section of the SCRians during my field visits has been memorable. I would at the foremost, assure you all that this bond of togetherness shown on SCR will continue to get strengthened more and more. I am a strong believer that outstanding results remain the outcome of team spirit.

I would like to spell out my priorities for the Zone in the days to come. Safety in rail operations, punctuality of train services, mobility of trains, financial health of the organisation, execution of infrastructure projects on time, redressing public grievances on real time basis and welfare of the staff are key to my plans for SCR. I also take the opportunity to congratulate you for the top honour that SCR has got at the National Level amongst all Zones, when it has received the highest number of five Shields during the 62nd Railway Week Celebrations held in April, 2017. A visible resurgence in the last quarter of 2016-17 fiscal on SCR, has contributed to better the results at the end of the year.

Let us join hands and travel the road to success with still more determination in the new FY 2017-18. The expectations from Indian Railways are very high amongst the public. It should be the endeavour of SCR to play its role with perfection and be the front runner in the journey ahead.


(Vinod Kumar Yadav)
General Manager

From Chief Editor's Desk

The dawn of a new financial year, brings with it a fresh momentum to perform. South Central Railway, which has ended the last fiscal with better than expected results on all fronts, is positioned rightly to take off with a bang, under the dynamic leadership of Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, our new General Manager.

When the editorial team sat down to chronicle the events during the last three months to finalise the content of this issue of Hum Dum, it has been tough to fit the entire happenings. From the time our General Manager took charge, a flurry of activities have been taking place. Official events, Review meetings to discuss performance, Inspection tours to bolster the morale of work force, interaction with a cross section of rail users and extensive media interactions etc., has kept us all busy. We have tried to capsule all these happenings in the pages inside for you to peruse.

I wish that the year 2017-18 will put SCR on the pedestal of growth and progress, with all glory. It is each individual's performance which adds to the total results. Let us resolve to put our best foot forward and work with utmost dedication.


(M. Umashankar Kumar)
Chief Public Relations Officer

Kacheguda Railway Station, the first 100% DigiPay Station on Indian Railways



South Central Railway, known for its digital friendly measures, took another significant step forward for the benefit of rail commuters by taking up a Digital Payment Campaign towards making major Railway stations as fully Digital Payment Enabled. Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager formally launched the campaign at Kacheguda Railway Station, which has been made a 100% DigiPay station on February 20, 2017 by releasing Tri-Colour balloons in the sky.

An enthusiastic crowd of rail passengers, citizens including students and working professionals were present at the Digital Payment Campaign which was also graced by several senior officials from SCR, RailTel and Andhra Bank including Shri A K Gupta, Additional General Manager, Shri P Ganeswara Rao, CCM, Smt. Aruna Singh, DRM, Hyderabad Division, Shri V Satyanarayana Murthy, Chief General Manager, Hyderabad Circle, Andhra Bank.

Kacheguda is the first Station on Indian Railways to become 100% fully Digital Payment enabled station. All transactions can be done Cashless by means of accessing the Digital Platform with the use of Debit / Credit Cards, Mobile Paperless Ticketing and Payment through Digital Wallets.

The General Manager, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav in his address said that the Zone has initiated this step to fulfill the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi and Hon'ble Minister for Railways, Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu towards spreading the use of Digital payment and ensure cashless transactions. The General Manager called this step as a magnificent outcome of imbibing technology to enable a Digital friendly Cashless society. Transforming Kacheguda to a DigiPay Railway Station is a huge step forward in terms of signifying the co-operation amongst various stake holders, he added. The concept of DigiPay Station is to empower the passengers to go for digital transactions for any requirement.

Safety in rail operations, punctuality of passenger / freight trains and speedy execution of infrastructure are of paramount importance stated Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General

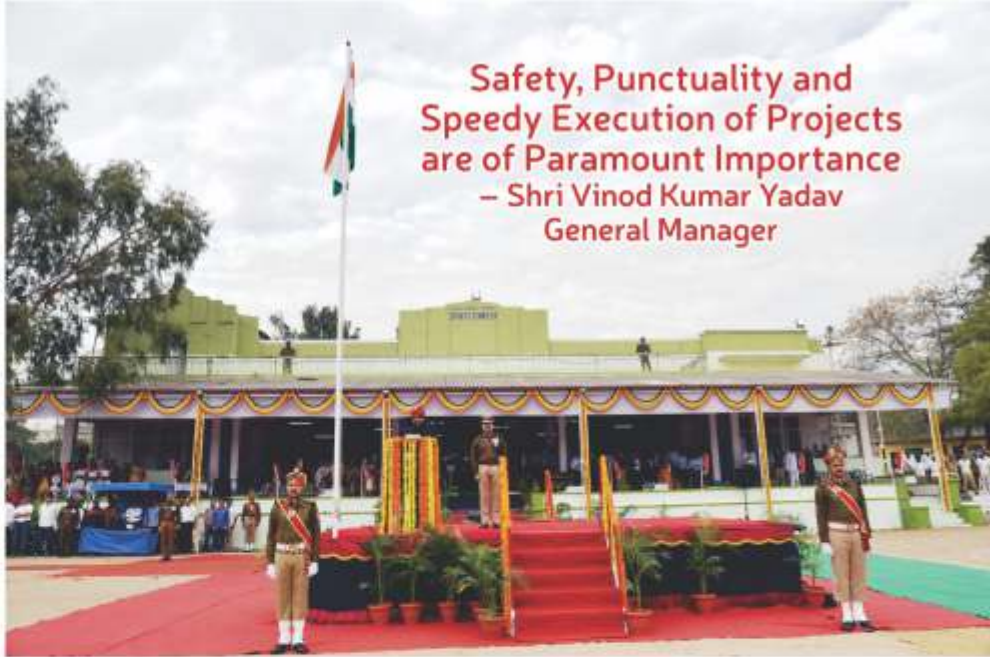
Manager, South Central Railway. Addressing a large gathering of Railway Officials, Staff & members of the public at the 68th Republic Day Celebrations on SCR on January 26, 2017 at Railway Sports Complex Grounds, Secunderabad, the General Manager defined the core priority areas for SCR as to provide safe, secure and efficient travel for the rail users.

Utilising the occasion to focus on the performance of SCR in the current financial year 2016-17, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav stated that the Zone's performance for the year

The General Manager informed that on the Safety aspect 69 level crossings have been eliminated during the current financial year on the Zone and 48 unmanned level crossing have been converted as manned level crossing. Emphasizing on the comfort and convenience of passengers, he stated that nine new pairs of trains have been introduced on South Central Railway to meet public expectations, which include the Tirupati – Visakhapatnam AC Double Decker Express and Tirupati / Hyderabad – Vasco Da Gama Express. To cater to the festive season rush, 1220 special trains have been run on a dynamic plan basis besides attaching around 12,000 extra coaches to various regular trains during the year. One of the biggest event 'Krishna Pushkaram', which was an auspicious event for 3 states under South Central Railway jurisdiction, was effectively handled. 691 special trains were run and 4,871 extra coaches were attached to regular trains carrying 42.6 lakh passengers during Krishna Pushkaram, he added.

Earlier, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav unfurled the National Flag and received the guard of honour presented by various contingents representing Railway Protection Force, Civil Defence, National Cadet Corps, Scouts and Guides, Students of Railway Schools etc. Patriotic songs were rendered by students of railway educational institutions while Railway Protection Force troupe presented drills and patriotic songs on the occasion.

**Safety, Punctuality and
Speedy Execution of Projects
are of Paramount Importance**
– Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav
General Manager



Know our General Manager Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav



Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav took over charge as General Manager, South Central Railway on January 10, 2017. Prior to this new assignment, he was serving as Executive Director, Railway Electrification Projects, Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL), New Delhi.

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav belongs to the 1980 batch of Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineers (IRSEE).

His academic qualifications include a Masters Degree in Business Administration – MBA (Technology Management) from La Trobe University, Australia and a Bachelors Degree in Engineering (Electrical Engineering) from Allahabad University, Uttar Pradesh. He holds immense experience in the fields of Project Management; General Management; Industrial Policy Formulation, Foreign Collaboration & Foreign Direct Investment; Management of Sector Specific International Technical Programmes and Co-ordination of World Bank and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Funding.

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav began his working career on Indian Railways as Assistant Electrical Engineer in February, 1982. During the course of his illustrious career, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav held several important executive and managerial positions on Indian Railways and on deputation to various Organizations. On Indian Railways, he served as – Chief Electrical Engineer, Planning/Traction Distribution, Northern Railway; Divisional Railway Manager, Lucknow Division, North Eastern Railway; Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Operation), Delhi Division, Northern Railway; Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer (Construction); Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer, Loco Workshop, Lucknow and as Senior Electrical Engineer (Construction).

Amongst the assignments he held on deputation are- as Group General Manager (Electrical), Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited; Programme Manager, Technology Diffusion and Support Programme and as Project Director, International Centre for Advancement of Manufacturing Technology at United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO); he was also the Director, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Ministry of Industry, Government of India and as Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer (Electrical), Indian Railway Construction Company Limited (IRCON).

He also held an important foreign assignment as Deputy Manager (Electrical), IRCON at Turkey, where he was instrumental in planning, execution and commissioning of Railway Electrification Project for Turkish Railway.

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav is a fitness freak and a sports enthusiast. He also holds a keen interest towards Indian Classical Music and Art.



Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager called on Shri Chandrababu Naidu, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.



Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager called on Shri E S L Narasimhan, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh at Raj Bhavan, Hyderabad on January 23, 2017. The General Manager briefed Hon'ble Governor on Rail Developmental issues in the two States.



Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav General Manager met Shri Anurag Sharma Director General of Police Telangana State



Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav General Manager met Shri S. P. Singh Chief Secretary Telangana State



Shri T Krishna Prasad Additional DGP Railways & Road Safety, Telangana called on Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav General Manager

Work Force made SCR as the Best Performing Zone – Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager at 62nd Railway Week Celebrations



Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, South Central Railway complimented the work force for achieving best results during the financial year 2016-17 overcoming challenges and earning the distinction as best performing Zone on Indian Railways. It is their duty mindedness and commitment, which led to SCR attaining significant results, he said. The General Manager was addressing a big gathering of Railway Officers, Staff and their family members at the 62nd Railway Week Zonal Level Celebrations held on April 11, 2017 at Rail Kalarang, Bhoiguda, Secunderabad to commemorate the first train run on Indian soil.

Elaborating on the attainments of SCR in the financial year 2016-17, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav stated that SCR has made a mark at the National Level amongst all Zones on Indian Railways by bagging All India Performance Efficiency Shields in

five disciplines, the highest amongst all Zones. The General Manager stressed on the role of Track Men who patrol the entire network of the Zone and the Loco Pilots who safely carry the passengers to their destinations and stated that it is the employees who are the core strength of the organization. Making a strong pitch for conservation of water and ecology, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav informed that SCR is undertaking various steps towards water conservation. He added that Secunderabad railway station is amongst five stations on Indian Railways chosen for development as Green Stations.

Later, the General Manager presented 278 individual awards for meritorious work done during the year 2016-17 to Officers and Staff of SCR. He also gave away 32 Efficiency Shields to various Departments & Divisions and 32 Group Awards. The culmination of the glittering

function was marked by presentation of the General Manager's efficiency shield for over all best performance to Secunderabad & Guntakal Divisions, who bagged it jointly. Shri Ashesh Agarwal, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division and Shri Amitabh Ojha, Divisional Railway Manager, Guntakal Division received the shield along with their team of Officers.

Earlier, Shri A K Gupta, Addl. General Manager in his welcome address stated that SCR is known for its image as one of the best performing Zones on Indian Railways. It is the excellent work culture and the dynamism of the leadership which is the reason for the same, he added. Shri M Umashankar Kumar, Chief Public Relations Officer proposed the vote of thanks. Shri Neelakantha Reddy, Secretary to General Manager and Shri A.K Singh, Secretary, Public Grievances conducted the proceedings.



SCR gets Five Shields, Highest amongst all Zones on Indian Railways

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager receives National Level Performance Efficiency Shields from Hon'ble Minister for Railways.

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The Performance Efficiency of South Central Railway in various spheres of operations during the year 2016-17 met recognition at National Level on Indian Railways, with the Zone bagging a record 5 All India Performance Efficiency Shields, to put it on the first place, ahead of all other Zones. Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways presented the shields to Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, SCR on the occasion of 62nd Railway Week National Awards function held on April 22, 2017 at Sri Sathya Sai Sowbhagyam, Centre for Human Development, Raipur, Chattisgarh. The glittering function was also attended by Shri A K Mital, Chairman and other members of the Railway Board.

The 5 Performance Efficiency Shields awarded for SCR were for Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Environment & Cleanliness and Stores Departments. The concerned Principal Heads of the Departments on SCR joined the General Manager to receive the awards.

Two of SCR's Officials, Dr. J Allwyn, Dy. Chief Operations Manager/Freight and Shri P V Sai Prasad, Sr. Divisional Engineer/Co-ordination/Hyderabad Division are also amongst the recipients of the Individual Annual Railway National Awards for 2017.

In his address on the occasion, Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu said that Indian Railways should fulfil the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister. New measures need to be taken up to implement new ideas on Indian Railways, he stressed. The Rail Minister called for all departments to work together and address challenges, so as to succeed. He also laid stress on Safety and Punctuality of train services, as a critical input. Indian Railways is going in for joint ventures with State Governments and funds are no more a constraint for under taking rail projects, the Minister added. Congratulating the awardees, Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu reiterated that all the rail personnel should continue to discharge duties with devotion and act responsibly.



Civil Engineering Shield



Mechanical Engineering Shield



Electrical Engineering Shield



Environment and Cleanliness Shield



Stores Shield



The General Manager complimented the licensee of various facilities / stalls at Kacheguda for pro-actively coming forward in the success of this endeavor. Although it was not mandatory in the contract for the licensees to provide for Digital PoS machine payment option, they came forward to join hands with Railways, which reflected their concern for a National cause. The efforts and continuous interaction that the Railway officials of Hyderabad Division had with the licensees, led to the results, the General Manager opined. The initiative of Andhra Bank in providing Point of Sales (PoS) machines to the required extent at the station was instrumental in shaping the plans of SCR to make Kacheguda a DigiPay Station. The High Speed WiFi access at Kacheguda provided by Rail Tel which serves the purpose of undertaking Digital Transactions also came in for praise from the General Manager.

In tune with the festive atmosphere at the launch, College students broke into a Flash Mob Dance in the circulating area of the station, swaying to Music set for lyrics highlighting the development and modernization of Railways. A Signature Campaign – Signing up to identify with the Digital Payment initiative met good response Citizens and Rail Users. Selfie Boards propagating Kacheguda as DigiPay Station also attracted people, in particular the youth a lot. The General Manger visited the Stalls on the Platform and also made Digital Payment Transaction for purchase made, to formally signify the rise in the status of Kacheguda as DigiPay Railway Station.

Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways declares 10 More Railway Stations on SCR as 100% DigiPAY Railway Stations

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Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways declared ten stations on SCR as Digital Payment enabled (DigiPAY) Railway Stations at a function held on March 25, 2017 at Hi-Tech City Railway Station, Hyderabad.

**DigiPAY
ENABLED STATIONS**



The ten stations which have become DigiPAY stations are Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Kakinada Town, Tirupati, Raichur, Guntur, Basar, Aurangabad and Nanded Railway Stations.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu expressed his happiness that Railways has initiated this step to fulfill the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri

Narendra Modi towards spreading the use of Digital Payment and ensure a cashless transactions system towards a Digital India.

As DigiPay Railway Stations, all these stations hold the option for Rail customers to transact any need on the Digital Payment gateway with the use of Debit / Credit Cards, Mobile Paperless Ticketing and Payment through Digital Wallets.

Point of Sale (PoS) Machines have been put up at different cash transaction points including at Ticket Counters, Parcel Office, Cloak Room, Food Court, Parking Stand, Retiring Rooms, Pre-paid AC Waiting Hall, Tea Stalls, Fruit and Juice Centres, Catering Units, Book Stall, Dairy Parlour etc.

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager Inspects Akola-Purna Section of Nanded Division

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, South Central Railway, undertook annual inspection of Akola-Purna Section of Nanded Division on January 27, 2017. Shri A K Sinha, Divisional Railway Manager, Nanded Division accompanied the General Manager during the inspection.

Commencing his inspection from Akola, the General Manager stopped at Sivni Shivapur, Washim, Hingoli, Bolda and Basmat stations enroute before culminating at Purna. According to priority to safety, the General Manager inspected a manned level crossing gate and unmanned level crossing gate between Akola and Washim Section; he also conducted gang inspection, inspected points and crossings, major and minor bridges at various spots between Akola and Purna.

Keeping in view the needs of Trade and Commerce sector, the General Manager inaugurated Hamal and Merchant Room and inspected Goods Terminal at Sivni Shivapur. He also inspected Hamal and Transporters Room at Hingoli. The General Manager also inspected the Railway Colonies, Running Room & Crew Booking Lobbies all through the inspection. He interacted with the Loco Pilots and Guards to know their views on the facilities available in the running rooms.

he General Manager also reviewed the developmental works under progress on the section. He made suggestions for further improvements to the circulating area, booking offices, waiting rooms, drinking water facilities and Foot-over-Bridges etc. At the Akola Railway station, Shri Sanjay Shamrao Dhotre, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Akola met General Manager and discussed Rail related issues. The General Manager also interacted with public representatives and rail users who called on him to understand their grievances, demands etc. Responding to the grievances from the local people, the General Manager assured necessary action to enhance facilities at the Railway stations keeping in view the need for



continuous betterment of amenities. Speaking to Media who also interacted with him at various stations, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav spelt out his priorities stating that the focus is on Safety, Punctuality, Passenger Amenities, Infrastructure Development, Customer Satisfaction.

Shri Ram Kripal, Commissioner Railway Safety, South Central Circle, Shri S N Singh, Principal Chief Engineer, Shri N Madhusudhana Rao, Chief Operations Manager, Shri P Ganeswara Rao, Chief Commercial Manager, Shri D K Singh, Chief Safety Officer, Shri John Thomas, Chief Electrical Engineer, Shri Arjun Mundiya, Chief Mechanical Engineer, Shri Mahaboob Ali M S, Chief Signal & Telecommunications Engineer, Shri N V Ramana Reddy, Chief Personnel Officer, KHK Dora, Chief Medical Director were amongst the officials who accompanied the General Manager during the inspection.

General Manager Conducts Annual Inspection of Secunderabad Division

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, South Central Railway, undertook annual inspection of Kondapalli-Dornakal & Kazipet-Secunderabad Sections of Secunderabad Division on February 10, 2017. Shri Ashesh Agrawal, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division accompanied the General Manager during the inspection.

Commencing his inspection from Kondapalli station, the General Manager stopped at manned level crossing gate between Gangineni and Yerrupalem section to inspect the safety measures in place. He interacted with the gang staff and advised them to perform duty with alertness and give top priority to safety. The General Manager inspected Madhira Station, staff quarters, inaugurated a renovated Children Park, planted sapling at Circulating area. He met the local public representatives, staff associations and received memorandums. Interacting with the media, the General Manager said that SCR accords priority to passenger needs and assured to look into the aspect of providing stoppage to some of the passing through express trains at Madhira Railway station for the benefit of local people. The General Manager inspected Major Bridge and curves between Madhira and Khammam.

Shri P. Srinivasa Reddy, Hon'ble Member of Parliament Khammam met the General Manager at Khammam railway station and discussed on rail developmental plans in the region. The MP along with several other public representatives submitted their representations to the General Manager on issues like stoppage for express trains, construction of foot over bridge, provision of permanent roads and overhead lighting, shifting of Auto stand etc at the Khammam station and goods shed. Later the General Manager inaugurated a 10 KWp on Grid Solar Power Plant and LED lighting at Khammam Station. He also visited the photo gallery set up by various departments on the aspect of Safety.

Shri Pasunuri Dayakar Rao, Hon'ble MP of Warangal and Shri Vinay Bhasker, Hon'ble MLA of Warangal met General

Manager at Kazipet Railway station and discussed on Rail related issues. Interacting with the media, the General Manager informed that Kazipet, Warangal and Khammam railway stations have been identified for modernization works and are included in the second phase of Station Redevelopment Programme. Later, the General Manager inaugurated Diesel Traction Training Centre and also inspected the Railway Colonies, Running Room & Crew Booking Lobbies here.



Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav inspects Pagidipalli–Nadikudi– Guntur Section of Guntur Division

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager undertook annual inspection of Pagidipalli-Nadikudi-Guntur Section of Guntur Division on February 16, 2017. Shri Vijay Sharma, Divisional Railway Manager, Guntur Division accompanied the General Manager all through the inspection.

The General Manager along with Principal Heads of Departments inspected the unmanned level crossing gate between Valigonda and Ramannapet stations, met the Gangmen working in the section and enquired on track maintenance works. Later, the General Manager halted at Ramannapet station, inspected station premises, curves and points and Railway colony etc. Giving top priority to safety, the General Manager inspected a manned level crossing gate between Ramannapet and Nalgonda Section.

At Nalgonda Railway station, Shri Gutha Sukender Reddy, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Nalgonda along with several other public representatives met General Manager and submitted representations on various issues. Interacting with media present here the General Manager said that SCR is according top priority for passenger safety as well as provision of passenger amenities.

Between Vishnupuram and Pondugula stations, the General Manager inspected the major bridge situated on river Krishna. He enquired on the safety aspects and security measures being carried out regularly for strengthening and safeguarding the bridge. At Nadikude Junction, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav inspected Health Unit and Running Room.

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav held a meeting with Shri Rayapati Sambasiva Rao, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Narasaraopet and other public representatives at Guntur Railway station and received representations on public demands regarding amenities, services etc.,

Shri Ram Kripal, Commissioner Railway Safety, South Central Circle, Shri S N Singh, Principal Chief Engineer, Shri N Madhusudhana Rao, Chief Operations Manager, Shri P Ganeswara Rao, Chief Commercial Manager, Shri D K Singh, Chief Safety Officer, Shri John Thomas, Chief Electrical Engineer, Shri P Somkuwar, Chief Workshops Engineer, Shri N V Ramana Reddy, Chief Personnel Officer, Dr. KHK Dora, Chief Medical Director were amongst the officials who accompanied the General Manager and conducted department wise inspection wherever the General Manager halted for inspection.



Annual Safety Inspection on Vijayawada Division conducted by Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager

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Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, South Central Railway, undertook inspection of Tenali-Gudur Section on Vijayawada Division on February 17, 2017. Shri Ashok Kumar, Divisional Railway Manager, Vijayawada Division accompanied the General Manager all through the inspection.

The General Manager along with Principal Heads of Departments began his inspection from Tenali Railway Station. He inspected the Railway station, circulating area, booking office, Health Unit and Railway colony also. As a part of amenities, the General Manager inaugurated water supply arrangements for station and Railway Colony. He also inaugurated Electrical Switch Room at the Station.

At Nidubrolu station, the General Manager inaugurated the new station building and planted a tree sapling in the station premises. At Ongole railway station, the General Manager thoroughly

inspected the entire premises including general waiting halls, food stalls etc. The General Manager met the Gang Unit and interacted with them on their crucial responsibility of safeguarding the rail tracks. He advised them to be on high alert in their duties and immediately inform their supervisors in case of any unusual occurrences found on the course of work. Later, the General Manager inspected Traction Sub-Station. The General Manager inaugurated a Children Park and planted tree saplings at Bitragunta as part of green initiative. He also inspected the Crew Booking Lobby, Accident Relief Train and Medical Relief Vehicle.

Enroute the entire journey, the General Manager conducted rear window inspection of the Section. He inspected curves and points, conducted speed test etc. The General Manager halted at manned level crossing gate and observed the standard proceedings

being followed to ensure safe passage of trains and road commuters. Mid-Section, the General Manager conducted inspection of a minor bridge and a major bridge to examine the safety measures. Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav met several public representatives, members of trade and commerce, unions and rail user associations etc., and received representations on public demands regarding amenities, services etc.,

Shri Ram Kripal, Commissioner Railway Safety, South Central Circle, Shri S.N.Singh, Principal Chief Engineer, Shri N Madhusudhana Rao, Chief Operations Manager, Shri P. Ganeswara Rao, Chief Commercial Manager, Shri D K Singh, Chief Safety Officer, Shri John Thomas, Chief Electrical Engineer, Shri P Somkuwar, Chief Workshops Engineer, Shri N V Ramana Reddy, Chief Personnel Officer, Dr. KHK Dora, Chief Medical Director accompanied the General Manager.



General Manager inspects Dhamavaram-Pakala Section of Guntakal Division

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, South Central Railway conducted annual inspection of Dhamavaram-Pakala Section on Guntakal Division on February 23, 2017. Shri Amitabh Ojha, Divisional Railway Manager, Guntakal Division accompanied the General Manager all through the inspection.

According top priority to safe and smooth train operations, the General Manager commenced the annual inspection of the Division with level crossing gate (non-interlocked) between Dhamavaram and Kadiri railway stations. He interacted with the Gateman and enquired on the standard safety protocols being followed while road commuters crossing the gate. Satisfied with the response the General Manager awarded the Gateman.

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav formally inaugurated LED lighting at Kadiri Railway Station and declared the entire Dhamavaram - Pakala Section as 100% LED lit Section. The General Manager inspected entire station premises including circulating area, waiting halls and reviewed various passenger amenities. He also inspected points, signals and track circuits. Shri Attar Chand Basha, Hon'ble MLA of Kadiri and other public representatives met the General Manager and submitted representations seeking additional passenger amenities.

At Madanapalle Railway Station, the General Manager inaugurated Children's Park, New Type II quarters and Solar Pump. He also inspected the Health Unit and reviewed the medical facilities available in the Unit. Later, he inspected the Permanent Way and appreciated the efforts in track maintenance. General Manager advised the staff to be vigilant while delivering duties and asked them to keep up the good work. Shri Thippa Reddy, Hon'ble MLA of Madanapalle and other public representatives met the General Manager and submitted memorandums seeking halt for some more express trains at Madanapalle. Between Madanapalle and Piler stations, the General Manager inspected sharp curves, minor bridge and major bridge located across River Pileru and examined their standards of safety. Sri C. Bhaskar Reddy, Hon'ble MLA met the General Manager and submitted representations seeking enhanced passenger amenities.

Shri Ram Kripal, Commissioner Railway Safety, South Central Circle, Shri S N Singh, Principal Chief Engineer, Shri N. Madhusudhana Rao, Chief Operations Manager, Shri P. Ganeswara Rao, Chief Commercial Manager, Shri D. K. Singh, Chief Safety Officer, Shri John Thomas, Chief Electrical Engineer, Shri Arjun Mundiya, Chief Mechanical Engineer, Shri N.V. Ramana Reddy, Chief Personnel Officer, Dr. KHK Dora, Chief Medical Director accompanied the General Manager and conducted department wise inspection.

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav Inspects Dhone – Secunderabad Section of Hyderabad Division

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Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, South Central Railway conducted annual inspection of Dhone – Secunderabad Section of Hyderabad Division on March 3, 2017, which includes major stations like Kurnool City, Gadwal, Mahabubnagar etc. Smt Aruna Singh, Divisional Railway Manager, Hyderabad Division accompanied the General Manager during the inspection.

The General Manager, commenced his day long annual inspection with conducting a Speed Test on Dhone – Bhogolu section. Later, General Manager inaugurated a Manned Level Crossing with Solar roof top for winch arrangement between Veldurthi-Ulindakonda section. He also conducted a trolley inspection of the track and major bridge, generator equipment and inaugurated Solar DC/AC pump between Ulindakonda-Dupadu section.

At Kurnool City Railway Station, the General Manager inspected the station premises, visited the exhibition of LED

equipment and inaugurated fully lit LED station; 10 KWP on-grid solar plant; retiring room; RO Water Plant. He also inspected railway staff quarters; health unit and inaugurated Children's park, Type-IV Railway staff quarters, CSI Office, Online self assessment and grading software. Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav met Shri Mohan Reddy, Hon'ble MLA, Kurnool; Ms. Akhila Priya, Hon'ble MLA, Allagadda and discussed on rail developmental plans in the region. He also received representations from DRUCC members, representatives of association of The Kurnool District Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

The General Manager halted and inspected Shri Bala Brahmeswara Jogulamaba Halt station the passenger amenities and facilities available. He inspected Poodoor station premises, yard points and crossings etc., he also inaugurated 3 KW Solar – wind Hybrid plant. At Gadwal, General Manager inspected Crew rest room, inaugurated Solar DC/AC pump, two stage cooling

system of crew rest room, battery management system etc.,

At Mahbubnagar, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav inspected the station premises, inaugurated renovated Goods Platform facility, he declared open the Gadwal-Mahbubnagar section as 100% LED lit section. He also inaugurated BLDC super fans with Solar backup, Siding boom at Manned Level crossing in the town. He received representations from local public representatives on various rail related issues.

Shri Ram Kripal, Commissioner Railway Safety, South Central Circle, Shri S N Singh, Principal Chief Engineer, Shri P Ganeswara Rao, Chief Commercial Manager, Shri D.K. Singh, Chief Safety Officer, Shri John Thomas, Chief Electrical Engineer, Shri Arjun Mundiya, Chief Mechanical Engineer, Smt. Padmini Radhakrishnan, Financial Advisor & Chief Accounts Officer, Dr. KHK Dora, Chief Medical Director and other Officials accompanied the General Manager and conducted department wise inspection.



Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav briefs Media on Budgetary Allocation for South Central Railway

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, South Central Railway held a Press Conference at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad on February 3, 2017 to brief the media on the budgetary allocations for South Central Railway towards infrastructure development, new lines, doubling works and passenger amenities etc. Shri A.K.Gupta, Additional General Manager and other Principal Heads of Departments of SCR were present on the occasion. Shri M Umashankar Kumar, Chief Public Relations Officer, SCR welcomed the Media and made a introductory presentation on the details of budgetary allocations to SCR.



Budgetary Allocations for SCR

- SCR has got a substantial budgetary allocation for the year 2017-18 as compared to the previous year. The budget outlay for different heads of expenditure is –
- Towards infrastructure, SCR has been sanctioned a staggering amount of Rs. 3,034 Crs. for the year 2017-18 as against Rs. 2,134 Crs. for 2016-17, which is 42 % more.
- For new lines, the budgetary grant is Rs 887 Crs, as against Rs. 760 Crs. for 2016-17, which is 17 % more.
- For doubling works, the budgetary grant is Rs 436 Crs, as against Rs.172.6 Crs. for 2016-17, which is 153 % more.
- For traffic facilities, the budgetary grant is Rs 96.1 Crs, as against Rs.75 Crs. for 2016-17, which is 28 % more.
- For passenger amenities, the budgetary grant is Rs.67.8 Crs, as against Rs.65.6 Crs. for 2016-17, which is 3 % more.

New infrastructure projects sanctioned on SCR in this year.

- As part of capital investment programme, a new work between Armoor – Adilabad via Nirmal in Telangana State for a length of 220 Kms at a cost of Rs. 2800 Crs has been sanctioned as part of Joint Venture (JV) with Telangana State Government.
- Vijayawada – Amaravathi – Guntur new line project has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 2,680 Crs for a distance of 106 Kms.
- Development of Rajahmundry yard at an estimated cost of Rs. 27.2 Crs has been sanctioned.
- Construction of 4 new Crossing stations at a estimated cost of Rs. 19 Crs has been sanctioned between stations:
 - Wanaparthy Road – Kaukuntla,
 - Manopad – Alampur Road,
 - Itikyal – Manopad
 - Ulindakonda – Veldurthi

New Surveys sanctioned on SCR jurisdiction:

- New survey for doubling to a length of 235 Kms between Bolarum – Mukhdh has been sanctioned.
- New survey for 4th line to a length of 234 Kms between Kazipet – Balharshah has been sanctioned.
- New survey for 4th line to a length of 219 Kms between Kazipet – Vijayawada has been sanctioned.
- New line survey for a length of 157 Kms between Bidar – Nanded has been sanctioned.
- New line survey for a length of 120 Kms between Dharmavaram – Bellary has been sanctioned.
- New line survey for a length of 132 Kms between Hindupur – Chitradurga has been sanctioned.
- New line survey for a length of 250 Kms between Kondapalli – Kirandul has been sanctioned.
- New line survey for a length of 110 Kms between Mantralayam Road – Kurmool has been sanctioned.
- New line survey for a length of 115 Kms between Mancherial – Gadchiroli has been sanctioned.

This year special emphasis has been given towards Safety. The budget allocations for Safety related works are:

- For Road over/under Bridges (Road Safety Works), the budgetary grant is Rs 325.4 Crs, as against Rs. 155.8 Crs. for 2016-17, which is 109 % more.
- For Bridges, the budgetary grant is Rs 31 Crs. In this year, 9 new works are sanctioned for rebuilding and strengthening of bridges.

- To enhance safety at Level Crossings, an amount of Rs 69.5 Crs has been allotted. This year, to improve safety at busy Level Crossing gates, Inter-locking works are sanctioned at 24 LC gates.
- For Track Renewals, the budgetary grant is Rs 604.7 Crs, as against Rs. 435.3 Crs. for 2016-17, which is 39 % more.
- This year, in addition to the already sanctioned complete track renewal works, 317 Kms new complete track renewal works have been sanctioned.
- On SCR, Train collision avoidance system (TCAS) extended field trials are in progress on Secunderabad – Wadi and Vikarabad – Bidar sections.
- This year, new works for provision of TCAS has been sanctioned for 228 Kms between Wadi – Guntakal at a cost of Rs. 50 Crs.
- New works for provision of TCAS has been sanctioned for 241 Kms between Bidar – Parli Vajinath – Parbhani section at a cost of Rs. 25 Crs.
- New works for provision of TCAS has been sanctioned for 958 Kms between Manmad – Parbhani – Nanded – Secunderabad – Gadwal – Dhoni – Guntakal section at a cost of Rs. 120 Crs.
- Rs. 40 Crs is allotted for Traction Distribution work. This year, 4 new works for replacement of catenary wires and improvement at neutral sections has been sanctioned.
- Rs. 7.1 Crs has been allotted for Training and HRD as against Rs. 1.2 Crs during last year which is 492% higher.
- A new work for construction of Divisional Integrated Training centre has been sanctioned at Vijayawada at a cost of Rs. 3.8 Crs.

Other important works sanctioned in this year on South Central Railway

- At Kacheguda, a new work for relocation of IOH shed for decongesting Coaching complex has been sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 8 Crs.
- At Moula Ali, a new work for augmentation of MEMU/DEMU car shed for holding 16 MEMU/DEMU rakes has been sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 9.61 Crs
- At Rayanapadu, a new work for augmentation of periodic overhauling capacity of CPOH shed has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 8.7 Crs.
- A new work at a cost of Rs. 5.86 Crs is sanctioned for extension of existing pit lines to accommodate 12 car MMTS rakes at Moula Ali EMU car shed.
- A new work for construction of waiting hall on platform 1 at Tirupati station has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 3.72 Crs.
- A new work costing Rs. 3.57 Crs for provision of cover over platforms at Aurangabad and additional foot over bridge connecting platform No 1 & 2 at Nagarsol has been sanctioned.
- New foot over bridge at a cost of Rs. 2.70 Crs has been sanctioned at Gudur station.
- A new work for replacement of conventional lights to LED at all stations (approx. 120 stations) of Guntur and Guntakal Divisions has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 2.5 Crs.
- As part of capital investment programme, a new work for extension of Vijayawada – Guduvada project up to Machilipatnam deep water port for a length of 10 Kms at a cost of Rs. 130 Crs has been sanctioned as a Joint Venture (JV) with Andhra Pradesh State Government.

Budgetary Allocations for important projects

Allocations for the last mile projects to enable completion in all respects:

- Rs.25 Crs for Peddapalli-Karimnagar-Nizamabad (178 Kms) new line project.
- Rs.79 Crs for Jaggaipet-Mellacheruvu-Janpachad (24 Kms) new line project.
- Rs.100 Crs for Gulbarga-Bidar (140 Kms) new line project.

Budgetary allocations for other ongoing projects.

- Rs. 300 Crs for Munirabad-Mahabubnagar (246 Kms) new line project.
- Rs. 350 Crs for Mancheral-Kothapalli (148.9 Kms) new line project.
- Rs. 340 Crs for Nadikudi-Srikalahasti (309 Kms) new line project.
- Rs. 430 Crs for Kotipalli-Narsapur (57.2 Kms) new line project.
- Rs. 196 Crs for Akkannapet – Medak (17.2 Kms) new line project.
- Rs. 300 Crs for Bhadrachalam – Sattupalli (56.25 Kms) new line project.
- Rs. 240 Crs for Kadapa – Bengaluru (255 Kms) new line project.
- Rs. 150 Crs for Kakinada – Pithapuram (21.5 Kms) new line project.
- Rs. 100 Crs for Obulavaripalle – Krishnapatnam (113 Kms) new line project.
- Rs. 71 Crs for Mukhdh – Parbhani (81.43 Kms) doubling project.
- Rs. 124 Crs for Guntur – Guntakal (443 Kms) doubling project.
- Rs. 52 Crs Guntakal – Kalluru (41 Kms) doubling project.
- Rs. 36 Crs for Guntur – Tenali (24.38 Kms) doubling with electrification.
- Rs. 122 Crs for Vijayawada-Bhimavaram-Nidadavolu (221 Kms) doubling and electrification.
- Rs. 50 Crs for Secunderabad – Mahabubnagar (85.24 Kms) doubling project.
- Rs. 75 Crs for Gooty – Dharmavaram (90 Kms) doubling project.
- Rs. 160 Crs for Kazipet – Balharshah (201 Kms) 3rd line project.
- Rs. 100 Crs for Kazipet – Vijayawada (219.64 Kms) 3rd line project.
- Rs. 100 Crs for Vijayawada – Gudur (287.67 Kms) 3rd line project.
- Rs. 9 Crs for Mancheral-Peddampet 3rd line project.
- Rs. 100 Crs allotted as Railway portion for MMTS Phase II project. In addition Rs. 16 Crs has been allotted for Ghatkesar – Yadadri extension MMTS phase-II.
- Rs. 135 Crs for construction of Bye Pass lines at Vijayawada (19.5 Kms), Kazipet (10.65 Kms), Renigunta (9.6 Kms), Wadi (7.6 Kms) and Gooty (3.8 Kms).
- Rs. 5 Crs allotted for development of Satellite terminal at Cheriapalli.
- Rs. 6 Crs allotted for development of Tiruchanur Railway Station.

Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways launches Station Redevelopment Project for Vijayawada

Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways launched the first Phase of Station Redevelopment Project on Indian Railways at Railway Board, New Delhi on February 8, 2017. Amongst the Stations covered in the launch is, Vijayawada Railway Station. Simultaneously, the launch program was held at Divisional Railway Manager's office, Vijayawada which was addressed by Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager through Video Conference.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister for Railways stated that the Station Redevelopment Project of Indian Railways is a largest such development program with an expected investment of around 1,00 lakh crore. Railway Stations hold potential for huge numbers of footfalls and eyeballs and are the most valuable real estate in the country and therefore carry immense scope for generating revenue for Railways through Station Redevelopment Project. With a transparent Swiss Challenge method for finalizing the bidder, the Project is bound to succeed with the Railway Stations

catering to host lot of facilities. Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, expressed confidence that various stake holders including State Governments and Infra companies will join hands in this venture. The Project holds scope for aligning with the smart cities concept of the Ministry of Urban development too, he added.

Later, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav in his interaction with the media at Vijayawada highlighted on the salient features of the Station Redevelopment Project and said that 36 Railway Stations on SCR i.e. all A-1 and A category Stations have been selected for the same, which will take off in a Phase wise manner. On the potential of

Vijayawada Railway Station, the General Manager stated that with around 1 lakh footfalls and 250 trains handled each day, the Station offers lot of avenue for Redevelopment. The concept is basically tuned to the lower floor as Railway Station, while the air space above will be the commercial facility with Hotels, Food plaza's etc., he stated.

Shri Ashok Kumar, DRM, Vijayawada Division was present at Vijayawada while Shri A K Gupta, AGM and other PHODs were present in the Video Launch. Project Developers representing several major infra companies were also present.



Brief on Station Redevelopment Project: On SCR, 5 'A-1' Category stations and 31 'A' category stations, totaling to 36 stations have been selected. Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways launched the process for station redevelopment of 20 stations in Phase-1, which includes Vijayawada and Secunderabad Station on SCR. The bids for these Stations have been uploaded on the website, which can be downloaded.

Secunderabad Railway Station taken up under Station Redevelopment Program

Secunderabad Railway Station is amongst the Twenty Three Stations on Indian Railways which have been taken up under Station Redevelopment Program launched by Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways. Vijayawada is the other station from SCR in the list of twenty three Railway Stations where the program has been taken up, in the first phase.

To highlight the project details and the anticipated development of Secunderabad Railway Station under the Station development project, bid documents for which were uploaded today, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, South Central Railway held a Press Meet on February 9, 2017 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. Addressing the Media, the General Manager stated that the idea behind this ambitious program is to develop 400 stations on Indian

Railways to International standards, out of which 23 have been taken up, to be followed by the remaining stations in subsequent phases. He went on to state that the estimated investment for development of Passenger amenities at Secunderabad Railway station under the Redevelopment project is Rs. 282 Crore, while for Vijayawada it is Rs. 194 Crore. The Revenue generated in the project will be used exclusively for Station Redevelopment.

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, stated that the project is being undertaken under a Modified Swiss Challenge method, adapting the QCBS (Quality and Cost Based Solution) system by identifying a project proponent who will prepare the detailed project report. The project will seek to involve State Governments,



various Central Government wings, Global experts etc., he added. The General Manager also briefed the Media on the salient features indicative amenities, additional amenities and the technical aspects of the bidding process of the Station Re-development project.

Earlier, Shri M. Umashankar Kumar, Chief Public Relations Officer, South Central Railway welcomed the media and spelt out the priority accorded for Station redevelopment project on SCR by the General Manager. Shri A.K. Gupta, Additional General Manager, SCR and other Senior Officials were also present.

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav reviews progress of development works

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, South Central Railway reviewed the progress of all ongoing newline, doubling, electrification projects over the zone at a high level meeting attended by Principal Heads of Departments, Divisional Railway Manager's of Secunderabad & Hyderabad Division and Regional heads of Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd (RVNL) & RITES at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad on February 15, 2017.



The General Manager critically reviewed the progress of all ongoing projects on SCR and stressed upon the need to complete the targeted works as per schedule. He undertook a detailed review of works being undertaken by RITES organization. He emphasized the need to complete all last mile projects which will strengthen infrastructure and help in capacity augmentation.

Shri P Srinivas, Chief Project Manager, RVNL briefed on MMTS Phase-II works, Secunderabad-Mahbubnagar doubling, Guntur-Tenali doubling with

Electrification, Vijayawada-Bhimavaram doubling with Electrification, Vijayawada-Gudur third line, Guntakal-Kalluru Electrification, Wadi-Raichur-Guntakal Electrification, Kazipet workshop and Rail Bogie Karkhana at Yadgir etc. General Manager advised on the speedy completion of ongoing works and the plans formulated by RVNL. Issues needing attention and cooperation from the respective State Governments and the Railways were also discussed in detail.

Shri Bhoolchandani, Chief Administrative Officer, Construction,

Shri S N Singh, Principal Chief Engineer, Shri N Madhusudhana Rao, Chief Operations Manager, Shri M S Mahaboob Ali, Chief Signal & Telecommunications Engineer, Shri John Thomas, Chief Electrical Engineer,

Shri Ashesh Agarwal, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division, Smt Aruna Singh, Divisional Railway Manager, Hyderabad Division, Shri K Venkateshwara Rao, Group General Manager, RITES and Shri P Srinivas, Chief Project Manager, RVNL, were amongst the Officials present.



Carriage Workshop, Lallaguda awarded with "GreenCo - Silver Certification" by CII

The Carriage Workshop, Lallaguda on South Central Railway has achieved the distinction of being the first Railway Workshop on Indian Railways to receive the prestigious "GreenCo - Silver Rating" Certification awarded by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) on March 14, 2017. This is only the second unit on Indian Railways to have received the award, the first being the Perambur Carriage & Wagon Workshop which got a Bronze rating earlier. Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, South Central Railway expressed happiness and congratulated the Officials & Staff of Carriage Workshop, Lallaguda for achieving the feat.

Indian Railways made a commitment in 2016 budget that it would convert Production Units and Workshops into green industrial units. As a step towards this, the Carriage Workshop, Lallaguda took up environmental friendly practices, there by earning the prestigious GreenCo - Silver Certification from Confederation of Indian Industry

(CII). The CII has assessed the green initiatives taken by the Workshop, which involves 8 (eight) parameters including energy & water conservation, renewable energy, green house gas emission, waste management, material conservation, green supply chain, recycling and flora-fauna & innovations, all of which contributes to the Workshops performance on the green front.

The endeavor towards Carbon Neutral approach of the Carriage Workshop, Lallaguda has succeeded in reducing Carbon footprint by 10% in comparison to the previous year. The plans of the Workshop envisages further reduction of carbon foot print by 2% annually and also encourage its stake holders in green supply chain system to Go Green. As a result of the initiative taken for environmental friendly practices, during 2016-17, the Carriage Workshop saved about Rs.40 lakhs and manifold savings are expected on implementation of quality standards and GreeCo Projects during the year 2017-18.



Jvs with State Governments enable complete Rail Projects expeditiously

-Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways

Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways made a strong pitch for Indian Railways going into Joint Ventures (JVs) with State Government which enables expeditious completion of rail projects. He stated that the Indian Railways has entered into Joint Venture agreement with 17 State Governments for Rail Infrastructure development with plans to join hands with other State Governments too. This will turn the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister's to reality, he added. The Minister was delivering the Inaugural address at the International Conference on Economic Disruption organized by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre, Hyderabad on March 25, 2017.

Elaborating on the growth path of Indian Railways, Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu stated that the Investment on Indian Railways has grown to 3,50,000 Crore. There is a lot of scope on Indian Railways for Infrastructure Development, he said and highlighted the point that 60% of traffic on its network is presently being handled by 16% of Railway lines which convey the uneven distribution. The plan for growth of Indian Railways envisages laying of new Railway lines at the rate of 100 kms per day as against the present rate of 10 Kms per day, the Minister added.



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Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu Hon'ble Minister for Railways presents the Prestigious "GreenCo - Silver Certification Award" to Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav General Manager

Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways presented the prestigious "GreenCo - Silver Rating" Certification award of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) awarded to Carriage Workshop, Lallaguda on South Central Railway to Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, SCR at a function held at Railway Board, New Delhi on March 22, 2017.

The Carriage Workshop, Lallaguda, Secunderabad has achieved the distinction of being the first Railway Workshop on Indian Railways to receive this prestigious rating.

Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways Commissions Nizamabad–Morthad & Devarkadra–Jaklaur New Rail Lines in Telangana and Flags Off Train Services. Host of other initiatives also commissioned.

Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways inaugurated a host of Developmental Initiatives on South Central Railway at a function held at Hi-Tech City Railway Station, Hyderabad on March 25, 2017. The function was simultaneously held at Nizamabad, Mahbubnagar and Aurangabad through video remote link.



Commissioning of Nizamabad–Morthad New Railway Line and Flagging off DEMU Passenger between Nizamabad–Morthad–Karimnagar



- The new rail line between Nizamabad–Pedapalli will decongest the Grand Trunk route connecting Secunderabad–Kazipet–Pedapalli.
- The new rail line forms an alternative shorter route from up North Telangana and its bordering areas of Maharashtra towards Marathwada.
- The total length of the new rail line was 178 Kms and the sanctioned estimated cost is Rs 926.24 cr.
- There are 13 stations enroute. The Crossing stations are Sultanabad, Karimnagar, Gangadhara, Pudur, Mallal, Lingampet Jagityal, Korutla, Metpalli, Morthad and Armoor, Kothapalli, Medipalli, Anksapur and Mamidipalli are 4 Halt Stations.
- The new rail line passes through a region rich in mineral resources like coal, iron ore, lime stone, soap stone, thereby opening up the potential economic growth.



Commissioning of Devarkadra– Jaklaur New Railway Line & Flagging off DEMU Passenger between Mahbubnagar– Devarkadra – Jaklaur



- The new Broad Gauge Rail line between Devarkadra–Jaklaur (29 kms) forms part of the Devarkadra–Krishna stretch of the Mahbubnagar–Munirabad (247 kms) new rail line project which is estimated to cost Rs. 1723 Cr.
- Introduction this new train service heralds a proud moment in the hitherto unconnected area between Devarkadra – Jaklaur including Marikal enroute.
- On completion of the entire project, between Mahbubnagar–Munirabad, the District of Mahbubnagar in Telangana and Raichur in Karnataka will witness heightened economic activity.
- The Mahbubnagar – Munirabad new line will also significantly reduce distance between Hyderabad and Goa, to an extent of 102 kms.
- There are 03 Major Bridges, 82 Minor Bridges, 05 Road Over Bridges and 27 Road Under Bridges constructed in the section as a part of the new line.

Laying of Foundation Stone for Doubling of Mahbubnagar– Secunderabad Railway Line



- The Mahbubnagar–Secunderabad Doubling work was sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 1200 Cr during the year 2015-16 and is being executed by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL).
- The work covers a section of 110 kms and will be undertaken to a length of 85.24 kms between Mahbubnagar–Umdanagar, since the balance between Umdanagar–Falaknuma comes under MMTS Phase-II while the Falaknuma–Secunderabad is already a Double line.
- The Doubling of this section forms a vital link between Hyderabad and Bengaluru, the two fastest growing metropolis in the World.
- With capacity constraints getting eased, the Doubling of this important section will enable the traffic to be routed from Mysuru and Bengaluru towards the North including New Delhi, Jaipur etc., through this line.
- Operationally, this section holds importance, since a significant traffic of Coal loads bound for Krishna from Ramagundam sectors will move on this line after commissioning of Devarkadra–Krishna section.

Dedication of Second Entry at Malkajgiri Railway Station to the Nation



- Malkajgiri Railway "Adarsh Station" is an important Suburban Station in the twin cities, handling around 3500 Passengers each day and soon going to make its presence on the MMTS map.
- In tune with its growing stature and increase in demands of traffic due to provision of halts for several Mail/Express trains here, the platforms have been lengthened recently to handle 24 coach trains.
- With the west side comprising of several colonies showing a steep rise in population, there was an urgent requirement to develop a second entry on the West side at the station.
- A new station building with elegant architecture has been constructed on west side of Malkajgiri station with a plinth area of 170 sq mtrs and circulating area of 2000 sq mtrs.
- Three Booking Windows, one exclusively for the Divyang have been provided here. The entry has been provided with Ramps for the convenience of Senior Citizens and Differently-abled persons.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhhu said that the host of Rail Infra Developmental Works being commissioned today are gifts to the people of Telugu speaking States on the occasion of 'Ugadi' and on the occasion of 'Gudipadva' to the people of Maharashtra. He said that an amount of Rs. 1729 Crores has been granted as budgetary outlay for Rail Projects in Telangana State which is a sizable increase of 187 % over the average of previous two years. For New Lines, the budgetary grant is Rs. 1375 Crores as against previous allocation of Rs. 312 Crores for the year 2016-17, which is 340% more. For doubling and third line works, the budgetary grant is Rs. 449 Crores as against Rs. 294 Crores during the previous financial year. Shri Suresh Prabhhu said that Indian Railways is focusing primarily on Passenger Safety, Capital and Developmental Works, Cleanliness and Accounting Reforms for the overall progress.

The other areas of prime focus for Indian Railways relates to reducing cost of expenditure on power. Indian Railways has saved Rs. 4000 Crores during the year by taking up reforms in the Power Sector. Generation of Solar Power to

supplement the Traction and Non-Traction needs of Railways has been taken up on large scale. Railways have joined hands with the State Governments in Environmental Protection with afforestation programs on vacant lands, the Minister informed.

Elaborating on the stress laid by Indian Railways in progress of the Rail Network in various states, the Minister said that Telangana State, the youngest state of the country will be given all cooperation by the Railways for ensuring development. As part of Capital Investment Program a new work between Armoor-Adilabad for a length of 220 Kms at a cost of Rs. 2800 Crores has been sanctioned for taking up as a part of joint venture with State Govt. The other works include new survey for doubling of Bolaram-Mudkhed, 4th Line between Kazipet-Balharshah, new line for a length of 115 Kms between Mancheriyal-Gadchiroli etc., Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhhu added. **Responding to the plea of public representatives and passenger associations, Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhhu stated that stoppages will be provided for Bhubaneswar-Mumbai Konark Express and Hyderabad-Pune**

Express at Lingampalli.

Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Hon'ble Minister appreciated Railway Minister's initiatives for development of Railways infrastructure in the Telangana region. He requested the Railway Minister to initiate proposals for extension of railway line from Bhadrachalam Road to Bhadrachalam temple city. He also requested for construction of Yatri Nivas Kendra for the convenience of passengers at Secunderabad, Kazipet and at another place of choice by State Govt.

Shri A P Jithender Reddy, Hon'ble MP, Mahbubnagar; Smt. K Kavitha, Hon'ble MP, Nizamabad; Shri Ch.Malla Reddy, Hon'ble MP, Malkajgiri; Shri D Srinivas, Hon'ble MP (Rajya Sabha); Shri B B Patil, Hon'ble MP, Zahirabad; Shri Bonthu Rammohan, Hon'ble Mayor, GHMC; Smt. A Lalitha, Hon'ble MLC; Shri V Sinivas Goud, Hon'ble MLA; Shri B.Govardhan Reddy, Hon'ble MLA participated in the meeting at Hyderabad.

Commissioning of 225 kWp on Grid Solar Plant at Hyderabad Station



- The Hyderabad Deccan Railway Station has taken to solar power.
- The solar power system has been installed by the Persistent Foundation, the CSR arm of Persistent Systems Limited, through their vendor M/s. Sunshot Technologies, Pune.
- It is installed on Cover Over Platform area (Galvalume sheets) of Platform No. 5 & 6, the first of its kind on South Central Railway.
- The solar power plant is also synchronized with the Diesel generator along with DISCOM supply at the station, and contributes to about 14.28% of electricity consumption of the Railway station.
- The entire system is monitored online. This helps to know the generation on real-time basis and helps in conducting preventive maintenance activities.
- Savings on power to the extent of Rs. 25.6 Lakhs per annum
- The cumulative savings beneficial for a period of 25 years.
- Reduces 256 tonnes of carbon emissions annually.
- Helps in reducing 260 tonnes of green gas house emissions.

Commissioning of Water Recycling Plant (3 Lakh litres/day) at Hyderabad Station

- Hyderabad Railway station is an important rail terminal of the city and hosts a large number of facilities like pit lines, coaching depots, parcel office, PRS building and retiring room etc.
- The requirement of water for the station is around 16 lakh litres per day being supplied by Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, towards which the Railways is incurring huge charges.
- A full-fledged water recycling plant with capacity of 3 lakh litres per day has been provided at Hyderabad station to recycle the waste water from pit lines, the Platforms aprons etc. This arrangement has enabled a saving of Rs.2.41 Cr per annum.
- Separate Ground Level Reservoir and Over Head tanks with dedicated pipe line has been provided to use this water for the purpose of coach cleaning, platforms cleaning and for maintaining gardens in circulating area and station premises etc at Hyderabad Railway Station.



Inauguration of the Revived Water Body – Well (1.5 lakh litres/day) at Alugadda Bavi, Secunderabad

- The revival of Alugadda Bavi Open Well marks a significant step in the endeavour of SCR to revive abandoned water bodies and conserve water.
- This Open Well was earlier constructed in 2003-04 but fell into disuse in the last few years due to dumping of debris.
- The Revival of this open well was therefore initiated to yield 1.5 to 1.8 Lakh Litres of water per day, reduce dependency for municipal water and lessen expenditure.
- Various repair works like desilting, provision of Shed over the Open Well, retaining wall all around the open well, compound wall to protect the area, plantation around the Well was carried out as a part of the revival of the well.
- The water from the well is meant for coach watering in upper and lower yards of Secunderabad. This is expected to enable achieve a substantial saving of around Rs. 1.2 Cr to 1.5 Cr per annum.



Dedication of Two Escalators at Aurangabad Railway Station to the Nation



- Aurangabad Railway Station is gateway to a huge rush of rail traffic, including a sizeable number of foreign tourists visiting this popular tourism destination.
- In tune with the status, two modern escalators have been provided at Platform No. 1 and 2&3, so as to enhance the standards of Passenger convenience here.
- The escalators have been installed at a cost of Rs. 1.52 Cr and can carry 100 passengers per minute at a speed of 0.5 meters per second.
- These escalators are provided with Variable Voltage Variable Frequency drive for energy conservation and a host of Safety features including Smoke detector, brake lining Safety switch, wrong entry indication device, Safety brake on main shaft, soft stop etc.



Encourage Women to grow Independent

—Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, GM



Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager stressed upon the need to encourage women to grow independent so that they can achieve equal status in all aspects of life. Today, we have got women working across all spheres of activity including as Loco-Pilots, Ticket checking staff, RPF personnel, Station Masters, Engineers etc., It is proved that they are capably handling field jobs too including Gang Units, Signaling maintenance etc. When women-force and Organization works together nothing is impossible in terms of achievement, he added. He was speaking as the Chief Guest at a meeting held on the occasion of International Women's Day, organized by South Central Railway Employees Sangh (SCRES) at Rail Nilayam Auditorium, Secunderabad on March 8, 2017.

Smt. Archana Yadav, President, SCR Women's Welfare Organization said that Education is the Mile Stone to Women Empowerment, it makes them capable to respond the challenges and confront the bias in the traditional society which makes significant change in their lives. Education also place key role in making the women to understand their basic rights and privileges. In spite of all the efforts and schemes in implementation, women continued to be neglected in terms of education in India. In our country where literacy rate in men is around 85% and women literacy rate is 66% only, she added.

Shri. N.V.Ramana Reddy, CPO; Smt. Shantha Sinha, Anti Child Labour Activist; Shri Prabhakar Andrew, President, SCRES; Smt. Umanandramani, Vice President, SCRES; Smt. Sunitha, Popular Playback Singer also spoke on the occasion. Dr. Bharath A Vaswani, Renowned Oncologist, Yashoda Hospital has given a power point presentation on "Awareness on Cancer".



Real Empowerment of Women is Essential

—Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, GM



Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, South Central Railway stated that the greater scenario of the condition of women in the society, anyone who holds concern for women should really work to empower them. It is the bounden duty of every individual and organization to raise to this task and play their role for perfection. He was speaking as the Chief Guest at a meeting held on the occasion of International Women's Day, organized by South Central Railway Mazdoor Union (SCRMU) at Rail Nilayam Auditorium, Secunderabad on March 9, 2017.

The General Manager also stated that SCR has taken several measures to make women employees feel cared like provision of complaint boxes at the Zonal Head quarters and Divisional offices for Women employees to drop their complaints, without the risk of any threat or discrimination. He assured that the achievements and efficiency of women employee will be given due recognition on the Zone.

Smt. Archana Yadav, President, SCR Women's Welfare Organization said that International Women's Day is the time to reflect on the progress made on issues concerning women and to call for change, wherever required. She remembered the theme chosen by the United Nations for the International Women's Day 2017—"Women in the changing world of work: Planet 50-50 by 2030" means to consider how to accelerate the sustainable development goals pertaining to the conditions of women, so as to attain results by 2030 completely. She apprehended that women in India are deprived of proper health and medical care, which is a matter of serious concern.

Prof. Lakshmi, Former Director, Centre for Women Studies, Osmania University delivered keynote address; Shri. N V Ramana Reddy, CPO; Shri K Srinivas, President, SCRMU; Shri Shankar Rao, General Secretary, SCRMU; Smt. T Kalavathi, Zonal Women's co-ordinator, SCR MU also spoke on the occasion.

SCR Lalitha Kala Samithi holds Panchanga Sravanam and felicitates Shri Sai Madhav Burra Film writer



On the Occasion of Telugu New Year "Hevalambi Ugadi", South Central Railway Lalitha Kala Samithi (SCRLKS) conducted Panchanga Sravanam and felicitated Shri Saimadhav Burra, Film writer on March 30, 2017 at Rail Nilayam Auditorium, Secunderabad.

Brahmashri Rallapalli Ravi Kumar working in accounts department, South Central Railway detailed the features of Hevalambi year in his Panchanga Sravanam program. He narrated the importance and role played by the nava graha kutami in the life of human beings as per their Jathaka, Raasi and Gochara. He predicted fruitful results and progressive atmosphere during the year for all the sections of the society. Kumari Shubhanvitha, a famous classical dancer and recipient of Nandi Award performed spectacular Bharathanatyam covering Pushpanjali, Gajavadana and Jayajaya Rama (Annamachariya Keerthana) etc. The Nrutyanjali show has impressed the audience.

Shri Saimadhav Burra, has worked for latest Telugu block bluster movies like Gowthami Putra Shatakarni and Khaidi Number 150 etc. On the occasion the Speakers drawn his qualities as a writer and applauded him for having penned some of the best dialogues for the Telugu cinema.

Shri P Ganeshwara Rao, President of SCRLKS and Member Technical, Railway Claims Tribunal complemented the team members of SCRLKS. Shri Ravi P Padi, Dy.COM (FOIS), and Vice-president, SCRLKS, Shri YSS Shamal Rao, General Secretary and Shri Bhujanga Rao and other members of the SCRLKS participated.



"100 KWp On-Grid Solar Plant" at Rail Nilayam inaugurated by Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, South Central Railway inaugurated 100 KWp On-Grid Solar Plant at Roof Top of Rail Nilayam on March 8, 2017.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, SCR said that as part of the National Solar Mission of the Govt. of India, Railways has taken Green initiative to provide the Solar Plants on the roof top of all the Zonal Railways. The total cost of this plant is Rs. 70.17 lakhs and it consists of 02 power condition units and 360 Nos. of 280Wp Solar Panels. All the panels are provided on the roof area of A, B&D and C blocks of the Rail Nilayam, this is in addition to 40KWp already exists on the Rail Nilayam roof top.

Shri. A K Gupta, Addl. General Manager; Smt. Padmini Radhakrishnan, FA&CAO; Shri John Thomas, CEE; Shri Mahaboob Ali, CSTE; Shri N V Ramana Reddy, CPO; Shri S K Agarwal, Chief Electrical Engineer (General). Smt. Aruna Singh, DRM, Hyderabad Division were present on the occasion.



Salient features of 100 KWp On-Grid Solar Plant:

- Generates approx 450 units per day & 1.64 lakhs units per annum.
- Approximately 40% of Rail Nilayam consumption is met with this plant.
- Total savings per annum is Rs. 13.02 lakhs approximately.
- Expenditure payback period is approximately 5 1/2 years.
- CO2 emission reduction is 131.2 MTS/annum.
- Irradiance sensor and module temperature sensor are provided.
- Foundations and support structure designed to withstand 150kmph.
- Manual control change is provided for seasonal changes.
- Remote control monitoring facility.

Roof Top Solar / Wind Hybrid Energy Plant at Poodoor Station on Kurnool-Mahbubnagar Section



South Central Railway has achieved a unique distinction for innovation and implementation of green initiatives on the Zone. As part of the same, fully integrated the state-of-the-art design 3KW Solar / Wind Hybrid Plant, has been provided at Poodoor station to meet the General Power Supply requirement of the station. Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, South Central Railway complimented Hyderabad Division for implementing this environmental friendly, renewable energy resource method to meet the day to day requirements of Poodoor Railway Station on Kurnool-Mahabubnagar section of Hyderabad Division.

This is unique system generates clean and renewable energy round the clock. 3 Wind Turbines unit is called 1 Mill and 3 such Mills are provided to make it 1.5 KW wind system and 3 high efficiency solar panels to make 1.5 KW. With this, total system of 3KW has been installed to generate Avg. 7 units per day from installation. The wind mills are designed with very low cut in wind speed of 4.5 mph i.e. 2 m/sec. the turbine are special galvanised G90 grade steel. This system has been provided with inverter and batteries to convert the DC generated power to AC power. The cost of the system excluding the battery is 3.8 lakh for 3KW Unit.

Salient Features of the System:

- Very high renewable energy density per square foot.
- Scalable power generation with hybrid or solar.
- Power generation starting at 2 m/sec. (4.5mph) wind speed.
- Day time energy from the sun and wind.
- Night time energy from the wind.
- Silent operation and environmentally friendly.
- Minimal running maintenance is required.
- Withstand temperature ranges from -30°C to 50°C (-22°F to 122°F)
- 1KW Load is connected on Station Platform
- South facing of the panels for max MPTT (Maximum Power Point Tracking)

"Automatic Coach Paint Booth" Inaugurated by General Manager

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, South Central Railway inaugurated the "Automatic Coach Paint Booth System" at the Carriage Workshop, Lallaguda, Secunderabad on March 20, 2017. He inspected the Lallaguda Carriage Workshop to study the work practices being maintained here.

The Carriage Workshop, Lallaguda has modernized its painting system from conventional brush painting to the Automatic Coach Paint Booth System at a cost of Rs. 6.4 Crores. A full rail coach is placed in the paint booth and painted automatically. The baking oven system facilitates quick drying, thus enabling significant reduction of cycle time for coach painting. This is an eco-friendly painting system, wherein, air & ground pollution and wastage of paint is avoided apart from significant saving in manpower.



Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav also inspected FIAT Bogie Unit, Wheel Shop, Carriage Shop, Air Brake Unit, CBC Section during the inspection. He planted saplings in the premises of the Workshop as part of Eco - Friendly management of the environs.

The General Manager congratulated the Workshop for achieving the distinction of being the first Railway Workshop on Indian Railways to receive the prestigious "GreenCo - Silver Rating" Certification awarded by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

Shri P U K Reddy, Chief Workshop Manager explained the improvements, history of the Workshop, workflow, manpower and innovations in the



workshop through a Power Point Presentation. Shri Arjun Mundiya, Chief Mechanical Engineer, Shri K P Somkuwar, Chief Workshop Engineer, SCR, Shri Hem Singh Banoth, Sr. Electronic Data Processing Manager and other Officials accompanied the General Manager.



General Manager makes Surprise Inspection of Central Hospital, Lallaguda, Secunderabad

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager made a surprise inspection of the Central Hospital, Lallaguda, Secunderabad on March 28, 2017. His inspection is in tune with the priority being accorded towards employee welfare. The General Manager checked the entire hospital premises including the Intensive Care Unit, Dialysis unit, X-Ray unit, Physiotherapy Unit, various wards including Emergency, SICU, Paediatric ward, OPD Pharmacy, OPD block etc.

The General Manager advised the hospital authorities to ensure that the facilities and service standards of the Hospital are on par with the best of the Corporate Hospitals. This will ensure that the health and welfare of the railway employees and

their dependants is taken due care of, he said. The General Manager also instructed the hospital administration to take utmost care in upkeep and maintenance of the hospital premises. He directed the officials to take all steps to ensure more greenery in the hospital surroundings to ensure a health ambience.

The General Manager was accompanied by Dr. H K Dora, Chief Medical Director. He also interacted with Dr. TSR Murthy, Medical Director, Central Hospital and other Doctors and sought details on the working of the hospital and the patient demands handled. Smt. Aruna Singh, DRM, Hyderabad Division was also present.



General Manager discusses plans for enabling Green Buildings on the Zone with Indian Green Building Council, CII

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, South Central Railway held a meeting with Indian Green Building Council (IGBC), an affiliate of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) on plans to develop Green Buildings including Administrative Offices and Railway Stations on the Zone on March 30, 2017 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. The vision of IGBC, formed by CII is to enable 'sustainable built environment for all' and make India, one of the global leaders in sustainable built environment by 2025.

Addressing the meeting which was attended by Senior Officials of SCR including the Divisional Railway Manager's, Secunderabad & Hyderabad Division and Representatives of IGBC, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, spelt out the plans envisaged on SCR to develop Green Buildings. In tune with the proposal put forth by IGBC, the General Manager stressed that the Rail Nilayam Building, Head quarters of SCR and Railway Station Buildings, one at the rate of each Division can be taken up for Certification as Green Buildings and Energy Star Rating on the Zone. He assured that inputs will be

implemented on priority to fulfill the requirements.

The IGBC is involved in promoting a Green Building movement in India. Towards this a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed by the CII with Indian Railways to develop exclusive green rating for Railways and Energy efficiency studies at production units.

Shri A K Gupta, Additional General Manager and Shri Arjun Mundiya, Chief Mechanical Engineer were also present.



Now Kacheguda Railway Station is Environmental Friendly De-compost Machine & Disposable Water Bottle Crushing Machines Installed



South Central Railway has become pioneer on Indian Railways by taking up several environment friendly initiatives. Kacheguda station has earned another distinction by taking up Environmental Friendly measures to ensure cleanliness. As part of the same, all the Bio Waste generated at the Kacheguda station and Kacheguda Railway Colony are processed in De-composting Plant to produce high quality organic manure. Similarly, plastic waste in the form of Disposable Water Bottles are crushed into smaller pieces by Water Bottle Crushing Machine to generate recycled plastic waste every day.

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager complemented Hyderabad Division for installation of De-compost

Machine and Disposable Water Bottle Crushing Machines and implementing Clean and Green India program effectively on South Central Railway.

The De-compost Machine installed at Kacheguda Railway Station for processing Bio-Waste generated is first of its kind on South Central Railway. The Bio-Waste is collected from Kacheguda Railway station and door to door of railway quarters at Kacheguda Colony in a separate green dust bins. The segregated Bio-Waste is transported to De-compost plant, which will process the garbage and converts it into manure in a week time. It produces high quality organic manure which can be used for gardens, plants etc. The De-compost Machine was procured by Railway at the cost of Rs. 4.5 lakhs. This machine is processing 125 Kgs of Bio waste every day producing 20% of manure (organic)

100 Kgs per week. The plant is expected to save an amount of Rs. 2-3 lakhs per year. The project is eco-friendly saving fuel and producing manure which will increase the soil fertility. It also helps in preventing usage of chemical fertilizers in farming/gardening.

Disposable Water Bottle Crushing Machine:

Plastic waste is posing major threat to the ecosystem as most of the plastic waste is not recycled and the same is affecting the environment. Most of the times these water bottles are reused for drinking purpose which is not a safe practice. Railways have taken steps to combat this problem by installing Bottle Crusher Machines at platforms. Smt. Aruna Singh, Divisional Railway Manager, Hyderabad Division has initiated the project in which the disposable water bottles are crushed into smaller pieces. Passengers and Railway cleaning workers are making use of this machine to produce 2-3 kgs of plastic waste every day. This plastic is being sold to rag pickers as recycled plastic waste.

SCR Wins 75th All India Inter Railway Men Hockey Championship

The South Central Railway Men Hockey Team bagged Championship Trophy at the 75th All India Inter Railway Hockey

championship held at Guwahati. Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, South Central Railway congratulated the team members for the achievement.

The South Central Railway Men Hockey team participated in the 75th All India Inter

Railway Men Hockey championship (league stage) held at Gachibowli Hockey Stadium, Hyderabad and emerged as pool toppers and qualified for the Knockout stage defeating Rail Wheel Factory (12-0), Diesel Locomotive Works (13-2), South Western Railway (8-0) and Central Railway by 2-0. Later, in Later, in the knockout stage held at Guwahati, SCR defeated South Eastern Railway by 7-0 in the Quater Finals and defeated Western Railway 1-0 in the Semi-Finals. In the

grand finale, South Central Railway beat defending champions Rail Coach Factory (RCF) by 4-1 in the final of the 75th All India Inter Railway Men Hockey Championship.

* Mr. Ajit Kumar Pandey is the member of Junior Indian Hockey team, which won Junior Hockey World Cup "player of the tournament". 8 players of South Central Railway Hockey team were selected as probables for Indian Railways Hockey team.



SCR's Golfer, A. Ravi wins "Golf Buddies International Golf Tournament"

Ace Golfer, A. Ravi of South Central Railway added yet another Trophy to his name by winning the "Golf Buddies International Golf Tournament" held at Bison Environment and Training Park, Bolarum, Hyderabad on 18th & 19th March, 2017. He was a part of the South Central Railway Team of Golfers – Shri Arjun Mundiya, Shri K P Somkuwar, Shri P S Brahmanandam, Shri Ajay Bharati, Shri Sai Muralidhar and Shri Verghese who participated in the tournament.

Coming up with exhilarating performance on the course on both the days, A. Ravi registered Best Gross 1st Score of 73 points to be crowned the Champion. Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager congratulated the Golfer when he called on the General Manager on March 20, 2017 at his Chamber at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad and wished that he continues to bring laurels to the Zone. Shri Arjun Mundiya, President, SCR Sports Association and Chief Mechanical Engineer and Shri KP Somkuwar, Chief Workshops Engineer, SCR were also present. A veteran of three World Railway Championships, bagging Silver once and the Bronze Medal twice, A. Ravi has earned name on the Golfing Circuit Nationally and Internationally.



General Manager Inspects Tirupati Railway Station – Reviews Development Plans

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Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, South Central Railway visited Tirupati Railway Station on January 13, 2017 on an Inspection, his first tour after assuming charge as the head for the Zone. He was accompanied by Shri Amitabh Ojha, Divisional Railway Manager and other Officials of Guntakal Division.

The General Manager undertook an extensive tour of Tirupati Railway Station, covering the entire station premises from the main (North side) till the South side entrance area. He checked the facilities available at the station including the platforms, lifts, apron, booking offices, food stalls, waiting areas, circulating area etc. He also inspected the train maintenance pit lines area abutting the platforms at the station to analyze the maintenance capacity for trains here in the yard. During the course of the inspection, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav sought details from the Divisional Railway Manager and other Officials of the Division on the developmental plans of the station.

Addressing the Media personnel at a Press Meet after the Inspection, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav reiterated that Safety is accorded top most priority on SCR. Safety is foremost and there cannot be any limitation towards attaining it, the General Manager categorically stressed. Responding to a question, he stated that development is a continuous process and plans are in the pipe line for development of Tirupati Railway Station. The General Manager added that the State Government will be involved in any rail developmental plans at Tirupati so as to ensure a well coordinated approach of action.



General Manager conducts surprise inspection of Secunderabad Railway Station



Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager conducted a surprise inspection of Secunderabad Railway Station during the rush hours on January 14, 2017.

He undertook analysis of the detailed layout of Secunderabad Railway station before commencing his inspection, so as to make a note of the various facilities and infrastructure in place. Shri Ashesh Agarwal, Divisional Railway Manager and other branch officers of Secunderabad Division joined the inspection.

The General Manager undertook a check of the Catering units and Food Plaza before taking a round of platform no.1 at the time of the departure of Sabari Express which sees a huge rush of traffic.

He interacted with passengers and sought their feedback on the quality of services. He stressed to the staff manning the catering units to ensure quality of food served to passengers without any room for complaints. Amongst the other facilities that the General Manager checked were the retiring rooms and dormitory, AC waiting hall, Booking Counter, General Waiting Hall etc.

the General Manager made a check of the linen and bed rolls supplied to passengers and suggested some more steps to further better the same. Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav also made a thorough check of the Crew Booking Lobby and studied the provision of

various facilities for the staff here.

Later, the General Manager visited the Bhoiguda side entry of Secunderabad Railway Station and discussed plans for further development with the DRM. He suggested still more convenient walk ways for passengers to move in and out of the station platforms. Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav was briefed on the Security surveillance system in place at Secunderabad Station by the RPF Officials. He was also apprised on the plans to further strengthen security monitoring at the station. The General Manager concluded his inspection by making an analysis of the concourse and circulating area of the station, including the parking bay etc.

Rail Projects in Andhra Pradesh will be Expedited

– Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, GM

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, South Central Railway visited Vijayawada Railway Station on January 30, 2017 on an inspection, his first tour of Vijayawada after assuming charge as the head for the Zone. He was accompanied by Shri Ashok Kumar, Divisional Railway Manager and other Officials of Vijayawada Division.

The General Manager undertook an extensive tour of Vijayawada Station, covering the entire station premises. He checked the facilities available at the station including the platforms, escalators, apron, food stalls, waiting areas etc. He also inspected the Crew Booking Lobby at the station and made a check of the breath analyzer test system. During the course of the inspection, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav perused the layout of the station and sought details from the Divisional Railway Manager on the developmental plans of the station. Later

in the day the General Manager also undertook inspection of Running Room used by loco pilots for their rest, so as to know on the facilities provided.

Interacting with the media personnel subsequent to the inspection of the station, the General Manager reiterated that Safety is top most priority on South Central Railway. Safety is foremost and there cannot be any limitation towards attaining it, the General Manager stressed and stated that punctuality of passenger / freight trains and speedy execution of infrastructure projects, staff welfare are also keenly monitored. Responding to a question, the General Manager informed that elimination of Unmanned Level Crossings and Manned Level Crossings is a continuous process which is dealt by constructing Road over Bridges/Road under Bridges and Limited Height Subways, so as to optimize safety.

On the status of ongoing railway projects in the state of Andhra Pradesh, Shri

Vinod Kumar Yadav stated that the projects will be expedited so as to meet the needs of the people at the earliest. Amongst the projects under progress in Andhra Pradesh are the Nadikude-Srikalahasti new rail line, Kotipalli-Narasapur new rail line, Kakinada-Pithapuram new rail line, Gudur-Dugarajapatnam new rail line, Kovvur-Bhadrachalam Road new rail line, construction of Macherla-Nalgonda new rail line etc.

Later in the day, the General Manager held a performance review meeting involving the Divisional Railway Manager and other Branch Officers of Vijayawada Division. During the meeting, the General Manager emphasized that safety is paramount to efficient rail operations. He also advised the Divisional officials to ensure that the freight loading performance is increased sizeably, undertake continuous betterment of passenger amenities and also take care of the welfare of staff.



60th DRUCC Meeting of Hyderabad Division Held

The 60th Divisional Railway Users Consultative Committee Meeting of Hyderabad Division was held on February 21, 2017 at Divisional Railway Manager's Conference Hall, Hyderabad Bhavan, Secunderabad under the Chairmanship of Smt. Aruna Singh, DRM, Hyderabad Division. Shri. N. Srinivasa Raju, ADRM, Shri. B.D. Christopher, Sr.DCM & Secretary DRUCC and other Branch Officers of Hyderabad Division were present in the meeting. 19 DRUCC members attended the meeting.

Smt. Aruna Singh, Chairperson DRUCC welcomed the members and addressed the meeting. She highlighted the financial performance of the Division during 2016-17 and requested the members to support in improving the passenger traffic over the Division and also help support in counseling/



educating the rail users in maintaining cleanliness over the Railway premises.

The Chairperson also informed the members on provision of passenger amenities completed during the current financial year.

DRUCC members expressed their satisfaction over the improvements made at stations, especially the cleanliness at stations.



Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager atop Tirumala Hills, being received by volunteers of SCR Scouts & Guides during his visit on April 13, 2017.

General Manager undertakes inspection of KTPS Coal Siding Facilities and Rudrampur Coal Handling Plant

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager conducted intensive inspection of Freight loading facilities at Bhadrachalam Road Railway Station and Bhadrachalam-Manuguru section of Secunderabad Division on January 19, 2017. He also simultaneously took up inspection of safety aspects and infrastructure development during his day long program. The General Manager was accompanied by Shri Ashesh Agarwal, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division, South Central Railway all through the inspection.

During the course of inspection the General Manager went round the station premises of Bhadrachalam Road Railway Station including the circulating area, platforms etc. He made a thorough check of the passenger facilities and amenities available at the station such as the waiting halls, water troughs, passenger enquiry counter, booking offices, reservation counter, lighting and

circulating area. He meticulously checked the cleanliness standards being maintained at the Station. The General Manager also inspected Crew booking lobby and Running Room. He expressed satisfaction with the quality maintenance and awarded a cash prize for Running Room in recognition.

Earlier, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav also inspected the siding of Kothagudem Thermal Power Station and Rudrampur Coal Handling Plant of The Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. At these sidings the GM interacted with the officials of the plant and collieries and reviewed the rail facilities for transportation. He also inspected Level Crossing Gate between Dornakal-Gundrathimadugu and Pakhal Bridge.

Shri A Sitaram Naik, Hon'ble MP, Mahabubabad met General Manager at Dornakal Railway Station and discussed the developmental plans in his region.



161st DRUCC Meeting of Secunderabad Division Held

The 161st Divisional Railway Users Consultative Committee (DRUCC) Meeting of Secunderabad Division was held on March 16, 2017 at Divisional Railway Manager's Conference Hall, Sanchalan Bhavan, Secunderabad under the Chairmanship of Shri Ashesh Agarwal, DRM, Secunderabad Division. Shri P C Tamta, ADRM (Traffic), Smt. Chandrima Roy, ADRM (Operations), Shri. Dr. Sumit Sharma, Sr.DCM & Secretary DRUCC and other Branch Officers of the Division were present.

18 DRUCC members attended the meeting.

Shri Ashesh Agarwal, Chairperson DRUCC welcomed the members and highlighted the financial performance of the Division during 2016-17.

the DRUCC members expressed their satisfaction over the improvements made at stations, especially passenger amenities, introduction of special trains, augmentation of coaches, stoppages etc. The Chairperson assured the members

that their suggestions/representations would be examined within the guidelines/norms in force/ policy guidelines and action would be taken accordingly.



The financial year 2016-17 signified a big boost to the Infrastructure might of South Central

Railway, enormously contributing to the strength of the network and enhancing coverage in tune with aspirations. With Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, Hon'ble Minister for Railways giving the nod for fast execution of ongoing projects, doing away with the constraints of finances and empowering Zones to finalize tender processes, the route has been laid for faster execution of works.

A record 168.5 kms of new railway lines (140.3 kms) and doubling works (28.2 kms) of new have been completed on SCR during 2016-17, which includes 91.4 kms in Telangana.

The new lines which have been laid are -

- The final stretch of Nizamabad – Morthad (45.6 Kms) section of the ambitious Nizamabad – Karimnagar – Peddapalli new Railway line. This Railway line to a length of 178 Kms has cost around Rs. 926 Crore totally.
- The last stretch of Mathampalli – Raghavapuram Railway line (19 Kms) of Jaggayapeta – Mellacheruvu – Janpahal new line which connects Vishnupuram on Secunderabad – Guntur route with Motumari on Vijayawada – Kazipet route. It has been opened for Goods traffic at present. The salient feature of this new line is that, the two crucial rail links of Kazipet – Vijayawada and Secunderabad – Guntur stand connected in between, there by holding scope as alternate routes in case of any need.
- Devarkadra – Jaklaur line to a length of 28.55 kms which is a part of Mahbubnagar – Munirabad new Railway line project and train services commenced.
- Nandyal – Yerraguntla New line project- the last stretch of 28 Kms from Banaganapalli to Nandyal was completed and a new train was flagged off.
- Kadapa – Pendlimarri (21 Kms), part of Kadapa – Bangalore new line project was completed.



- Mantralayam – Matmarri (11.15 Kms), part of Guntakal – Wadi doubling project was completed.

The major projects which took off during 2016-17 are –

- Guntakal – Kalluru Doubling project.
- Nadikudi – Srikalahasti new railway line.
- Manoharabad – Kothapalli new railway line connecting Hyderabad – Karimnagar, foundation for which was laid by Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.
- In terms of electrification, out of 2013 kms electrified on Indian Railways during 2016-17, 470 kms has been electrified on SCR. This relates to Guntakal-Dhone (29 Route Kms); Wadi- Raichur (107.65 Kms); Nancherla-Mantralayam Road (87 Kms); Nallapadu-Cumbum (164.5 Kms) and Pendekallu-Gooty (28 Kms).
- With regard to Unmanned Level Crossings (UMLCs), SCR has continued its program towards elimination of all UMLCs. During 2016-17, 149 UMLCs were eliminated. In addition, 31 Manned Railway Level Crossing were also shut during the year. Likewise 79 Road Over Bridges and Subways were also completed, which not just contributed to enhancing the Safety standards but also led to smoothing of road traffic.
- SCR accords highest priority to maintenance of bridges, which is critical to Safety of Train Operations. During 2016-17, 75 Bridges were rehabilitated on the Zone's network.

Passenger Segment

- South Central Railway has provided transportation facility to 375.8 million passengers during the Financial Year 2016-17 as against 366.6 million passenger in the previous financial year, which is higher by 9.16 million passengers.
- The total earnings of passenger services is estimated to be around Rs. 3564.8 Crore during the financial year which is the highest ever passenger earning record in the history of South Central Railway. These passenger earnings are Rs. 252 Crore higher than previous year.

Some of the highlights on Passenger Transportation Sector are:

- **New Services:** South Central Railway introduced 9 new train services to facilitate passengers, 7 trains were extended to run more distance and frequency was increased for 1 train.
- **Augmentation:** South Central Railway attached 40 coaches in regular trains. Where as 14,741 coaches were attached during 2016-17 on temporary basis generating additional capacity of 6 lakh berths.
- **Special Trains:** South Central Railway operated about 1,468 trips of special trains services on various occasions to clear extra rush of passengers. The special trains were run to destinations from Hyderabad City to Jaipur, Bikaner, Raxual, Madurai, Kochuvelli and Tata Nagar etc.
- To meet the passenger demand in the summer season more than 400 trains have been announced and 2000+ coaches were proposed for temporary augmentation.



- During 12 day Krishna Pushkaram period in August, 2016, 13 railway stations were identified as Pushkaram Rail Heads and special arrangements for pilgrim traffic were made. 691 special trains were run, 4871 extra coaches were attached, 107 temporary stoppages were provided and 4.26 million passengers were carried.
- **Stoppages:** 58 new stoppages have been provided for the convenience of passengers.
- **Speeding up of Trains:** 69 trains have been speeded up to rationalize the time taken for transportation of the passengers. 3 trains have been converted to superfast express trains for speedy transportation.
- **Ticket Checking:** 1.69 lakh ticket checking cases were registered against ticket less travellers to comfort genuine travellers, which is 4.7 % more than last year. Ticket checking earnings recorded Rs. 1.85 crore more than last year. Total earning from ticket checking is estimated to be Rs.125 crore.

Freight traffic

- South Central Railway has loaded 9.44 Million Tonnes (MTs) of Freight traffic in the Month of March, 2017, around 8.36% more as compared to the same month of March in 2016. This rise in performance reversed the sluggish trend for the earlier months on account of fall in imports and market conditions.
- The loading also contributed to maximize SCR's freight loading for the financial year 2016-17 which reached to 96.83 MTs. The annual

revenue of SCR, generated on freight traffic was to the tune of Rs. 7975 Cr for the year 2016-17.

- The initiatives undertaken to boost freight traffic on the Zone in 2016-17 include-
- Opening of 6 freight terminals. These are – 1 terminal at Banaganapalle station of Guntakal Division; 2 private freight terminals, served by Shankarpalli station on Secunderabad Division and Narsingapalli on Vijayawada Division; 3 private sidings opened at Bugganapalli in Guntakal Division, Janpahad in Guntur Division and Tandur in Secunderabad Division.
- New customers were tapped for loading onions on Nanded Division, Timber waste from Jagityal, Fertilizer and Fodder from Kakinada, Containers from Eluru and Cement from Chittapur.
- Various steps have been undertaken to increase the average speed of goods trains by 20%, resulting in improved wagon turn around.
- Handling of rakes (goods train) at goods terminals improved by 8%.

Passenger Amenities

- SCR gave a major push to Passenger Amenities during 2016-17 fiscal, with Special focus on providing all required minimum essential amenities. A total of 68 Railway Stations were provided with minimum essential amenities in 2016-17, thereby attaining the landmark of all the 704 Railway Stations on SCR being equipped with all minimum essential amenities. An amount of Rs. 68.29 Crore was spent on Passenger Amenities during 2016-17.
- On the basis of projected traffic / earnings, certain minimum amenities are required to be provided at each category of station.
- The amenities include Booking facility, Drinking water, Waiting halls, Seating arrangement, Platform shelter, Toilets, Foot Over Bridge, Time Table Display, Water Coolers, Public Address System, Parking cum Circulation area, Electronic Train Indication boards, Signage's etc., which are provided as per the category classification of the station.

The other high points pertaining to Passenger Amenities, achieved by SCR during the FY 2016-17 includes –

- 10 Stations viz., Machilipatnam, Markapur Road, Raichur, Rajahmundry, Ongole, Gadwal, Washim, Dharmabad, Donakonda & Kesamudram stations were converted as Adarsh Stations during the year, taking the Total no. of Adarsh Stations on SCR to 68.
- 06 Foot Over Bridges were provided during the year at Guntakal, Bodhadi Bujrug, Adilabad, Krishna Canal, Rayanapadu & Hyderabad stations.
- Washable Aprons for Platforms were provided at 7 stations of Dharmavaram, Parbhani, Nagarsol, Guntakal, Jalna, Tenali & Narsapur stations during the year.
- 17 Platforms were extended at Nizamabad, Malkajgiri, Nagarsol, Bidar, Sitaphalmandi, Manguru, Basar, Kurnool City, Umri, Pakala, Gandhipuram Halt, Pocharam, Vidyanagar and Jamia Osmania Stations. In addition, Cover Over Platforms was also extended at 17 stations of Kacheguda, H.S.Nanded, Aurangabad, Vikarabad, Eluru, Warangal, Basar, Nagarsol, Dhane, Vijayawada, Sadasivapet, Latur Road, Seram stations.
- New Toilet facilities were provided at 21 stations.
- 6 Lifts were commissioned at Nizamabad, H.S. Nanded and Khammam during FY 2016-17 taking the total to 40 Lifts on the Zone.
- Continuing with the stress on Clean Toilets, 2122 Bio-Toilets have been fit in Coaches during 2016-17, a record highest for any year.
- 20 Toilets have been built all "A1 Category Railway Stations" for the use of specially enabled (Divyang) passengers. At present, all 74 A1, A & B category stations on SCR hold amenities for the Divyang travellers.
- Free High Speed Wi-Fi facilities have been provided at 10 Stations.
- For the current fiscal 2017-18 too, Passenger Amenities and facilities have been identified as one of the marked priority areas for SCR by the General Manager.

Ensure Immediate Remedial Actions in Safety Tasks

—Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager

Safety is a continuous process and complacency is not acceptable said Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav,

General Manager, South Central Railway. He was addressing a Video Conference of Divisional Railway Manager's of all six Divisions i.e. Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Guntakal, Guntur and Nanded from Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad on February 13, 2017. Principal Heads of Departments were also present in the meeting.

The General Manager in his address called upon all the Zonal and Divisional officials to regularly involve in safety inspections and ambush checks. Officials should adhere to safety norms while doing inspections said the General Manager and asked them to record even the minute details in the safety report with proper remedies for the same. To ensure safety carryout system improvements too wherever applicable headed.

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav stated that all measures should be taken to ensure safety and punctuality in train



movements for the entire Zone. He stressed upon the need to reduce rail fractures, weld failures and other unsafe features at level crossings as part of ensuring safety. He informed the officials to check the feasibility of eliminating all unmanned level crossings by constructing Road under Bridges etc.

Shri D K Singh, CSO made a Power Point Presentation of Safety position on the Zone. Shri S N Singh, PCE; Shri N Madhusudana Rao, COM; Shri P Ganeswara Rao, CCM; Smt. Padmini Radhakrishnan, FA&CAO; Shri M S Mahaboob Ali, CSTE; Shri Arjun Mundiya, CME; Shri N V Ramana Reddy, CPO were amongst the officials present.

Ensuring Secure Travel is Top Priority

—Shri Sanjay Sankrityayan, IG cum Chief Security Commissioner, RPF, SCR

Shri Sanjay Sankrityayan, Inspector General cum Chief Security Commissioner, Railway Protection Force, South Central Railway stated that ensuring safe and secure travelling of passengers is done religiously on the Zone. Intensive checks are being carried out regularly in trains and stations to provide hassle free and secure rail journey to the passengers. RPF is escorting 200 vulnerable long journey trains every night for safety and security of women and disabled passengers said the Chief Security Commissioner interacting with media on January 20, 2017 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. Shri G.M. Eswara Rao, Addl. Chief Security Commissioner, RPF, SCR, and Senior RPF officials were also present during the Press Conference.

During the year 2016, RPF received 732 complaints through all India Security Helpline number 182. All of these complaints were attended and rendered

timely assistance to resolve the grievances said the Chief Security Commissioner and called upon the media to create awareness on the Security Helpline number 182 for optimal and judicious utilization of the service. He asked the people to be vigilant in station premises and in trains regarding any unattended luggage or any nuisance issue and any if observed shall be brought to the immediate notice of the RPF. Timely sharing of information with RPF will go a long way in ensuring safety and security of passengers added the Chief Security Commissioner. RPF detected Rs 4.54 crore worth of property under IPC, Customs, Forests & other Acts during the year 2016. Constant vigil and other pro-active measures taken have reduced unauthorized carrying of gold, silver, narcotics etc., through Railways.

In regards to rescue and rehabilitation of runaway children, RPF in coordination with local NGOs rescued 813 run away

children and have been re-united with their families. In order to curb the menace of unauthorized persons/touts and criminal elements in stations and trains, special drives were launched resulting in arrest of 134 touts, 1.09 lakh unauthorized hawkers were prosecuted. RPF has also apprehended around 400 criminals who were involved in theft of passenger belongings, he added.

Further he informed that SCR has installed CCTV surveillance systems at 42 stations by the end of 2016 to control crime in the railway premises. Proposals have been finalized to install 1938 CCTV cameras in 78 stations on the Zone through a special sanction of Rs 34.63 crores under Nirbhaya Fund. Under Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan, littering of railways premises is viewed seriously. About 21,127 persons found littering were penalized and realized an amount of Rs 42 lakhs said the Chief Security Commissioner.

General Manager Holds Interactive Session with Loco Running Staff Discussions relate to Safety of Train Operations

Focusing on Safety as the foremost priority for the Railways, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager undertook an extensive Interaction Meeting with the Loco Running staff from all the six divisions of the Zone on March 14, 2017 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad. The Interaction, attended by 40 personnel working as Loco Inspectors, Loco Pilots and Assistant Loco Pilots from Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Nanded, Guntur and Guntakal Divisions centered on issues concerning accident free train operations and the view points of the Loco Running staff relating to the same. Shri A.K.Gupta, AGM and Principal Heads of Departments representing Electrical, Operating, Mechanical, Personnel, Safety and S&T were also present.

Addressing this first ever such Interactive Meeting, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav called upon each one of the Loco Running Staff who were present to spell out their ideas, suggestions and grievances without any apprehension since they are valued members of the rail family and play a key role in Safety of rail operations. He assured of a very positive response from the administration to any issue concerning the career and welfare of the Loco Running staff on the Zone. In turn, he sought their 100% attention while performing their duties. The General Manager advised them

to exercise total alertness so as to avoid even a minor unsafe incident, since this impacts passenger Safety and also entails strict disciplinary action. The Loco Running staff should take care of their health, rest adequately, meet family needs and relieve stress. Emphasizing the importance of the Loco Crew as eyes and ears of Rail Safety, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav wanted them to pro-actively report any unusual occurrence or defect they notice in the Track and Signaling system during the course of duty.

During the course of Interaction, the 40 Loco Running staff personnel coming from various divisions expressed their view points with regard to their duties, career and welfare. They put forth suggestions to draft more employee friendly duty charts, redress technical aspects concerning Signaling system, sought more co-ordination with the Operating control, wanted more continuous refresher training and more weather friendly conditions of the Loco cabins which will help them to perform to their peak. They wanted that Drop Boxes be installed at the Crew Lobbies to ensure that their applications and representations are received and addressed promptly. The Loco staff also spoke on issues concerning their health needs, leave, rest and family requirements.



The General Manager responded positively and assured of action at the earliest. He instructed the Principal Heads of Departments to immediately take up the matters needing attention. Later, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav held a Video Conference with all the Divisional Railway Managers and discussed on Safety, in the light of the issues that came to the fore in the Interactive session. He also presented Man of the Month Awards to Safety personnel.

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager Holds Interactive Sessions with Senior Supervisors of Engineering, Signal & Telecom, Electrical and Operating

Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager held a wide-range of interactive meeting with the Senior Supervisory Staff of Engineering, Signal & Telecommunications, Electrical and Operating Staff representing the six divisions of the Zone on March 27, 2017 at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad.

The Interactive meeting was attended by staff working as Senior Section Engineers of Permanent Way; Over Head Electrification Systems & Traction Distribution; S&T; Traffic Inspectors and Station Managers from all the six Divisions. The interactive meeting discussed on issues concerning Safety, punctuality and proper utilization of infrastructure, collective responsibilities, co-ordination between departments etc. Shri A K Gupta, AGM and Principal Heads of Departments representing Engineering, Electrical, Operating and S&T were also present.

Addressing the Interactive Meeting, Shri

Vinod Kumar Yadav called upon the supervisory staff to work as a team and accord top priority to safety in train operations. Improvement of systems is a continuous process on Railways and administration is committed for Welfare of the staff. He invited all the participants to express their ideas, view points, suggestions and grievances. He assured for all possible help to be extended by the administration to the issues concerning for better productivity. Railways are making all the efforts for ensuring customer satisfaction. The General Manager extensively discussed on better utilization of infrastructure, collective responsibility of coordinating supervisors in execution of works which will

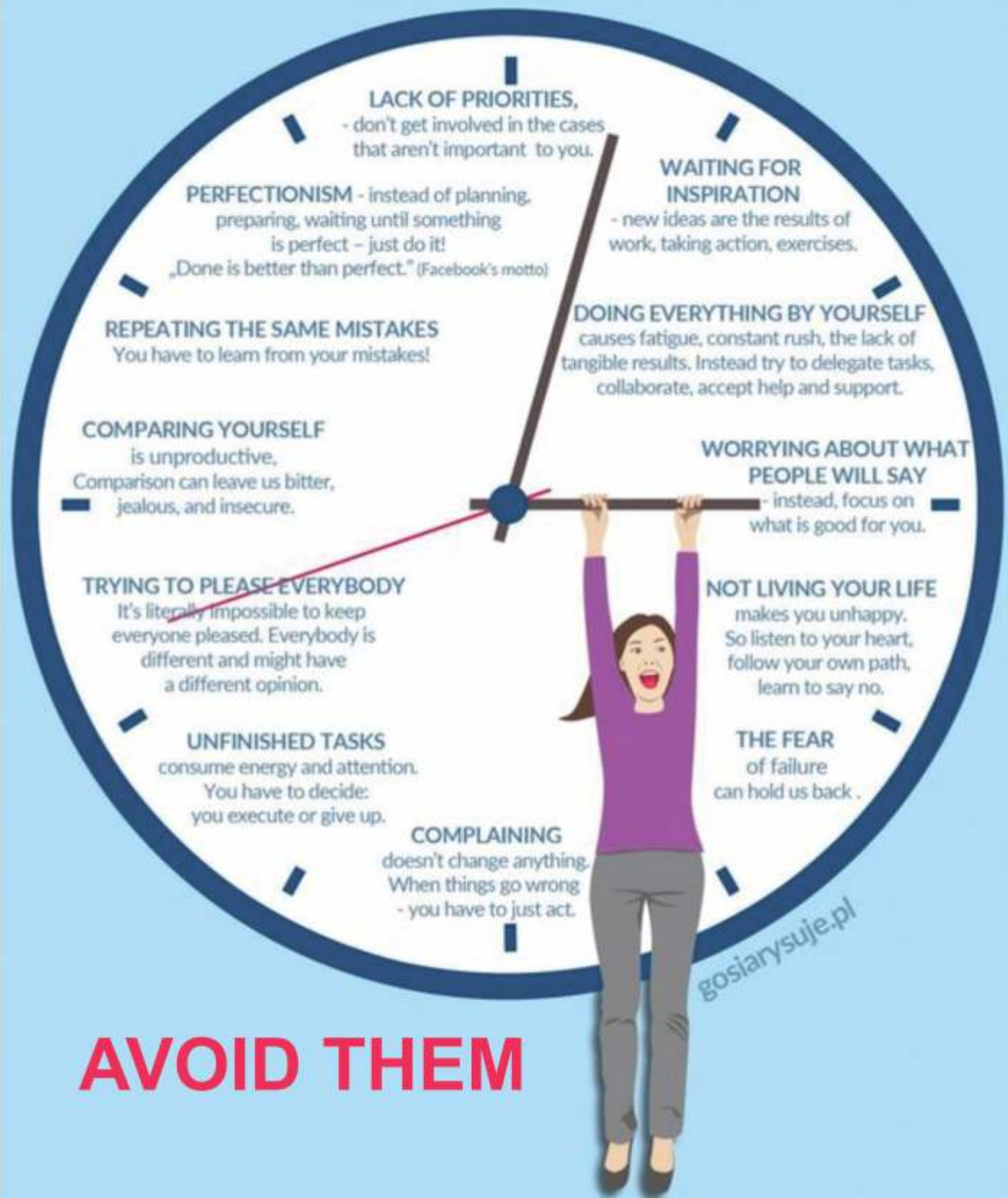
improve the productivity.

The General Manager responded candidly for the issues raised by participants and instructed the Principal Heads of Departments to immediately take up the matters needing attention in the best interests of the organization. Shri A K Gupta, AGM congratulated the supervisory staff for their contribution to Railways and advised all of them to come out with innovative ideas to fulfill the idea of transforming Railways.

Shri M S Mahaboob Ali, CSTE; Shri John Thomas, CEE; Shri N Madhusudhan Rao, COM and Shri S N Singh, PCE also spoke during the interactive meeting.



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General Manager leads Media Tour on Progress of 'MMTS Phase-II'

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Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav, General Manager, South Central Railway stated that the entire MMTS Phase-II Project will be commissioned by end of December, 2018. To give a better picture of the progress of the project, the General Manager led a Media Tour on January 24, 2017 on Secunderabad-Moula Ali-Cherlapalli-Ghatkesar Section. Shri Ashesh Agarwal, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division, Shri P. Srinivas, Chief Project Manager, Rail Vikas Nigam Limited and other senior railway officials were present on the occasion.

Addressing the media, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav stated that the MMTS Phase-II will be commissioned partly by the end of December 2017 and the total stretch of the project by end of December 2018. Responding to queries, the General Manager stated that Ministry of Civil Aviation is in discussions with SCR and GMR to find out an amicable solution to provide MMTS connectivity with Shamshabad Airport. Detailing on the development of Cherlapalli Terminal, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav said that SCR is setting up a satellite terminal with a provision of six platforms at Cherlapalli to lessen the burden on Secunderabad railway station. Works in this regard have already been commenced. SCR has identified 50 acres of land and is in discussions to acquire remaining 150 acres of land from Telanagana State Government, he added.

Further the General Manager stated that SCR is according top priority to Safety. Safety drives have been initiated on the Zone to check railway tracks and rolling stock including coaches and wagons. Earlier, the General Manager took the media to the actual work sites of MMTS Phase II and showcased the track laying works being carried out between Moula-Ali – Cherlapalli Section and earth strengthening works being carried out between Cherlapalli-Ghatkesar Section. The General Manager conducted a window trailing inspection of the Section also.

Shri Umashankar Kumar, Chief Public Relations Officer, SCR welcomed the media personnel to the tour, which was basically to appraise on the status of the MMTS Phase-II works.





दक्षिण मध्यक रेलवे के प्रधान कार्यालय में आयोजित हिंदी कार्यशाला का उद्घाटन करते हुए मुख्य राजभाषा अधिकारी एवं मुख्य यांत्रिक इंजीनियर ने कहा कि हमें राजभाषा के प्रचार प्रसार के लिए कंप्यूटर का अधिकाधिक प्रयोग करने की आदत डालनी चाहिए। इससे लाभ यह होता है कि कंप्यूटर में एक बार ड्राफ्ट सेव करने के पश्चात् अधिक मेहनत नहीं करनी पड़ती। मैं यह चाहता हूँ कि हर विभाग के कर्मचारी अपने-अपने विभाग की टेम्पलेट का प्रयोग अधिकाधिक करें और छोटी-छोटी टिप्पणियों हिंदी में करते हुए राजभाषा के प्रचार-प्रसार में अपना योगदान करें। मुख्य राजभाषा अधिकारी श्री मुंदिया ने अपने अनुभव प्रतिभागियों के साथ बांटते हुए कहा कि सरकार की राजभाषा नीति सद्भावना, प्रेरणा और प्रोत्साहन वाली है और राजभाषा में कार्य करने के लिए प्रेरित करती है। इसके पूर्व उप महाप्रबंधक (राजभाषा) ने मुख्य राजभाषा अधिकारी का पुष्पत गुच्छ से स्वागत किया। कार्यक्रम का संचालन करते हुए वरिष्ठ राजभाषा अधिकारी श्री लक्ष्मण शिवहरे ने मुख्य राजभाषा अधिकारी तथा प्रतिभागियों का स्वागत किया तथा अंतर्राष्ट्रीय महिला दिवस की शुभकामनाएं दी। इस एकदिवसीय कार्यशाला में दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे, प्रधान कार्यालय के अधिकांश विभागों के कर्मचारियों ने प्रतिभागिता की। कार्यशाला के प्रथम सत्र में उप महाप्रबंधक (राजभाषा) ने संघ की राजभाषा नीति, संवैधानिक प्रावधान, विभिन्न नियम व अधिनियम की जानकारी प्रतिभागियों को दी। उन्होंने विभिन्न प्रोत्साहन योजनाओं की भी जानकारी दी।

कार्यशाला के दूसरे सत्र में वरिष्ठ राजभाषा अधिकारी श्री लक्ष्मण शिवहरे ने दैनिक कार्य में प्रयुक्त टिप्पणियाँ, पत्र तथा विभिन्न विभागों द्वारा प्रयुक्त होने वाली शब्दा वलियों की जानकारी दी और अभ्यास करवाया। प्रतिभागियों ने इस कार्यशाला को अत्यंत उपयोगी बताते हुए अपने फीडबैक में कहा कि ऐसी कार्यशालाएं निरंतर होना आवश्यक है, जिससे कर्मचारियों को राजभाषा में कार्य करने की रुचि और लगन बनी रहे। इस कार्यशाला को सफल बनाने के लिए राजभाषा विभाग के सभी कर्मचारियों ने अपना योगदान दिया तथा अन्तल में वरिष्ठ राजभाषा अधिकारी श्री लक्ष्मण शिवहरे ने धन्यवाद देते हुए सभी प्रतिभागियों को राजभाषा में कार्य करने के लिए अनुरोध किया।

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प्रधान कार्यालय के विद्युत विभाग में विद्युत संबंधी विभिन्न विषयों पर हिंदी में एक तकनीकी सेमिनार का आयोजन किया गया। इस सेमिनार का उद्घाटन करते हुए दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे के मुख्य राजभाषा अधिकारी एवं मुख्य यांत्रिक इंजीनियर और कार्यक्रम के मुख्य अतिथि ने अपने संबोधन में कहा कि इस प्रकार के तकनीकी सेमिनार राजभाषा में आयोजित होने से कठिन से कठिन विषय को सरल से सरल बना देते हैं और भाषा की सहजता से कठिन विषय तुरन्त समझ में आ जाता है। संगोष्ठी के अध्यक्ष और मुख्य विद्युत इंजीनियर श्री जॉन थॉमस ने उपस्थित सभी अधिकारियों और कर्मचारियों का अभिनंदन करते हुए कहा कि हमारा कार्यालय श्मश क्षेत्र में होते हुए भी यहाँ के अधिकारीकर्मचारी राजभाषा के प्रति रुचि प्रशंसनीय है। उन्होंने तकनीकी स्वरूप के आलेखों को राजभाषा में प्रस्तुत करने के लिए प्रतिभागियों की सराहना की।

श्री ए.ए.फडके, मुख्य विद्युत इंजीनियरधलोको ने अपने संबोधन में कहा कि इस तरह के सेमिनार हमें तकनीकी स्वरूप के कार्य राजभाषा हिंदी में करने की प्रेरणा देते हैं। उप महाप्रबंधक (राजभाषा) श्री श्याम सुंदर साहु ने विद्युत विभाग द्वारा सेमिनार के आयोजन की सराहना करते हुए उपस्थित अन्य कर्मचारियों से भी सेमिनार में प्रतिभागिता करने के लिए कहा। वरिष्ठ राजभाषा अधिकारी श्री लक्ष्मण शिवहरे ने कहा कि सेमिनार में प्रस्तुत आलेखों का और अधिक प्रचार-प्रसार करने के लिए रेलवे बोर्ड तथा अन्य रेलों से प्रकाशित राजभाषा पत्रिका में इनका प्रकाशित होना आवश्यक है, जिससे दूसरे भी राजभाषा में कार्य करने के प्रेरणा ले सकें। इस सेमिनार के आयोजन के लिए श्री आर. सत्येनारायण, सचिव, मुख्य विद्युत इंजीनियर ने प्रसन्नता व्यक्त की। इस सेमिनार को सफल बनाने के लिए विद्युत विभाग की श्रीमती पी.लक्ष्मी, श्रीमती श्यामला, श्री श्रीकांत रेड्डी ने सहयोग दिया। मुख्य अतिथि तथा कार्यक्रम के अध्यक्ष द्वारा व्यक्तियों को पुष्पा गुच्छ से स्वागत किया गया। राजभाषा विभाग की श्रीमती शैला बैस, श्रीमती मनदीप कौर, श्रीमती किरण टिक्कू, श्री राधेश्याम गुप्ताह, श्री अरविन्द ने अपना योगदान दिया। सेमिनार का समापन श्रीमती ए. वी.साई कुमारी के धन्यवाद प्रस्ताव से हुआ।





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दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे के मुख्यालय के राजभाषा विभाग द्वारा दि.21.03.2017 को रेल कलारंग, भोईगुडा, सिकंदराबाद में एक राजभाषा प्रदर्शनी का आयोजन किया गया। इसका उद्घाटन दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे के महाप्रबंधक महोदय श्री विनोद कुमार यादव द्वारा किया गया। इस राजभाषा प्रदर्शनी में इस रेलवे के प्रधान कार्यालय के विभिन्न विभागों, सभी मंडलों, कारखानों और नगर राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति, हैदराबाद के कुछ कार्यालयों ने भाग लिया। हर एक कार्यालय के लिए अलग-अलग स्टाल की व्यवस्था की गई थी। सभी कार्यालयों ने अपने-अपने कार्यालय में हिंदी में हो रहे कार्य को बहुत ही आकर्षित और प्रभावी तरीके से प्रदर्शित किया। इस प्रदर्शनी में उत्तम कार्य प्रदर्शन के लिए प्रधान कार्यालय के दो विभागों क्रमशः सामान्य विभाग और इंजीनियरी विभाग को प्रथम और द्वितीय पुरस्कार, मंडलों में हैदराबाद मंडल, कारखानों में लालागुडा कारखाना और नराकास के कार्यालयों में राष्ट्रीय कृषि विस्तार संस्थान को शील्डें प्रदान की गईं। श्री पी.के.संगेवार, भंडार नियंत्रक, श्री महबूब अली, मुख्य सिगनल व दूरसंचार इंजीनियर, श्री एन.वी.रमणा रेड्डी, मुख्य कार्मिक अधिकारी को लेकर गठित तीन विभागाध्यक्षों की निर्णायक मंडली द्वारा इन पुरस्कारों का निर्णय किया गया।

राजभाषा प्रदर्शनी के पुरस्कार वितरण समारोह के अवसर महाप्रबंधक ने कहा कि दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे राजभाषा में उत्कृष्ट कार्य कर रही है। इस रेलवे के कई प्रकार के कार्यों में राजभाषा हिंदी का प्रयोग किया जा रहा है, जो काफी सराहनीय है। इससे पता चलता है कि शग क्षेत्र में होने पर भी इस रेलवे के अधिकारी और कर्मचारी राजभाषा के प्रयोग-प्रसार के प्रति प्रतिबद्ध हैं। इस अवसर पर अपर महाप्रबंधक श्री ए.के.गुप्ता ने सभी अधिकारियों के कर्मचारियों से कहा कि सप्ताह में कोई एक दिन अपना सारा कार्य हिंदी में करने का प्रण लें, तो इस रेलवे पर हिंदी में हो रहे कार्य में और अधिक प्रगति होगी। इससे पहले मुख्य राजभाषा अधिकारी श्री अर्जुन मुदिया ने इस राजभाषा प्रदर्शनी के आयोजन के उद्देश्य को स्पष्ट करते हुए कहा कि ऐसे आयोजन से आपस में स्पर्धा की भावना बढ़ती है, एक-दूसरे से कुछ नया सीखने का अवसर मिलता है और भविष्य में और बेहतर कार्य करने की प्रेरणा मिलती है। संसदीय राजभाषा समिति के निरीक्षण की पूर्व तैयारी के रूप में भी ऐसी प्रदर्शनी लाभदायक होती है। इस प्रदर्शनी में नगर राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति के कार्यालयों के शामिल होने से हमें दूसरे विभाग में हो रहे हिंदी कार्य की भी जानकारी मिली।

पुरस्कार वितरण समारोह के अवसर पर विजयवाडा मंडल की नाट्य मंडली द्वारा हिंदी नाटक रवींद्र की जीत का मंचन किया गया, जिसकी महाप्रबंधक ने भूरि-भूरि प्रशंसा की। उप महाप्रबंधक (राजभाषा) डॉ.श्याम सुंदर साहू, वरिष्ठ राजभाषा अधिकारी श्री लक्ष्मण शिवहरे, वरिष्ठ अनुवादक श्री एम.के.नागराजु के विशेष योगदान और राजभाषा संगठन, प्रधान कार्यालय के सभी सदस्यों के सहयोग से इस राजभाषा प्रदर्शनी का भव्य आयोजन संपन्न हुआ। सभी प्रमुख विभागाध्यक्ष, विभागाध्यक्ष, मंडल रेल प्रबंधक, सिकंदराबाद, हैदराबाद मंडल, अन्य अधिकारी इस अवसर पर उपस्थित थे और राजभाषा विभाग द्वारा किए गए इस विशेष तथा महत्वपूर्ण प्रयास की प्रशंसा की।





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The Zone has installed the easy to use Point of Sale (PoS) machines at various locations which see a sizeable footfall on the network to allow cashless transactions using the credit/debit/RuPay cards.

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